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## CLEARED OUT.

CHINESE FLEE FROM TSINAN.

CITY WALLS BLOWN UP.

Chiang Kai-shek and Foreign Minister to Resign?

OFFICIAL ESTIMATE OF JAPANESE CASUALTIES.

After sticking to their posts and resisting vigorously, the remaining Southern troops in that part of Tsinan known as the walled-in city, or the Chinese quarter, have been ejected, finally fleeing across the Yellow River. To clear out these forces, the Japanese Expedition had to blow up the city walls.

This is the end to the second engagement in Tsinan, the first having closed last week. Further news is to hand concerning the third engagement, 15 miles east of Tsinan, reported yesterday. Here the Southerners had to leave behind two or three hundred of their killed.

Meanwhile an official Japanese estimate of the casualties has been issued and makes interesting reading. In addition to these three fights, there was a minor action two miles from Tsinan, in which the Chinese lost eighty men.

The political situation is still far from clarified. There is talk of Chiang Kai-shek and his Foreign Minister resigning, following the crisis. If he does go, unity with Peking will be more difficult because the "Christian General" who is expected to succeed him is persona non grata in Peking.

JAPANESE TO LEAVE CANTON.

The walled-in Chinese city of Tsinan has been cleared by the Japanese Expeditionary Force of Nationalist troops.

According to a Reuter cable from Tokyo, reports from Tsinan indicate that the Japanese troops blew up the eastern and south-western corners of the city wall.

They did so for the purpose of driving out some Southern troops who had remained at their positions, resisting vigorously. A further object was the disarming of these Chinese troops.

After the Japanese had completed the clearing out process, the Southerners crossed the Yellow River and fled to the north-west.

Japanese Casualties.

Tokyo, To-day. The official estimate of Japanese casualties at Tsinan up to the present is given as follows:

Military: 21 killed; 79 wounded. Civilians: 13 murdered, 9 wounded and 28 missing, of which number two are believed to have been murdered.

—Reuter.

The Railway Battle.

Tokyo, Yesterday. The Southerners under the Nationalist General Chen Tiao-yuan who clashed with General Iwakura's brigade (reinforcements for Tsinan from Tsingtao) on Wednesday, midway between Kotien and Tsinan, were repulsed by the Japanese. The Southerners left two or three hundred dead on the field.

The Japanese reinforcements, who suffered only twenty or thirty casualties, are now guarding this part of the Shantung Railway. —Reuter.

TO RESIGN?

Chiang Kai-shek and Foreign Minister.

Peking, Yesterday. A report is current, alleged to emanate from Nanking, to the effect that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek (commander-in-chief of the allied Nationalist armies) and General Hwang Fu (Foreign Minister) are on the point of resigning; and that their places are likely to be taken by Feng Yu-hsiang (the "Christian General") and Dr. C. T. Wang.

Chinese are of the opinion that if this is true, these changes will make a compromise with the North much more difficult. —Reuter.

Peking Asks for Peace.

Peking, Yesterday. A faction in the Peking Cabinet has presented a memorandum to Marshal Chang Tso-lin, the Dictator, urging him to make peace with the Southerners.

Accordingly, Marshal Chang Tso-lin has issued an appeal for a truce with the Nationalists, pending settlement of the Tsinan incident with Japan. —British Naval Wireless.

A Further Protest.

Peking, Yesterday. It is understood that the Peking Foreign Ministry is handing in a further protest to the Japanese Legation this evening regarding the despatch of Japanese troops to China, and possibly also protesting against the action of the Japanese, after their arrival in Shantung. —Reuter.

TROUBLE SPREADS.

Japanese Leaving Canton: Panic at Nanking.

Canton, Yesterday. Japanese residents of Canton have been instructed to evacuate as a precautionary measure.

The city is quiet, however. —British Naval Wireless.

Nanking Consulate Guarded.

Nanking, Yesterday. It is reported that the Japanese consul here had left the city and taken quarters in Hsiakwan (a suburb), abreast of the Japanese hulk. The Japanese Consulate is now guarded by military police.

Students are acting as pickets here and distributing propaganda. —Later.

All the Japanese residents are reported to have left the city and gone on to the hulk on the River, with the exception of the Consul. —British Naval Wireless.

[Note: Nanking, the Nationalist capital, is on the Yangtze, 200 miles above Shanghai.]

Boycoths Declared.

Shanghai, Yesterday. An anti-Japanese boycott has been declared both at Shanghai and at Wuhu, which is 55 miles above Nanking. Both places are quiet. —British Naval Wireless.

"IN CASE OF WAR"

Chinese in Manila Promise \$15,000,000.

Manila, To-day. The Chinese resident in Manila have pledged a sum of Mex. \$15,000,000 in case Japan declares war against China. Recruiting has opened.

The Japanese Consul has asked the authorities for a special guard during the visit of Prince Takamatsu (a brother of H.M. Emperor Hirohito) who is arriving on May 19. —Reuter.

Japanese Reticence.

Peking, Yesterday. During the last two days the Japanese authorities have been most reticent regarding developments at Tsinan. —Reuter.

What Merchants Think.

Osaka, To-day. Leading financiers and business men fully endorse the despatch of troops when the purpose is confined to protection of nationals and safeguarding of transportation on the Shantung Railway as indicated in the statement by the Japanese. —Reuter.

## NOT WANTED.

Prince Carol Must Leave England.

EAGER TO REMAIN.

Home Secretary Makes Further Statement in Commons.

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons at question time, Sir Wm. Joynson-Hicks announced receipt of a communication on behalf of Prince Carol of Rumania regretting that he had unintentionally caused embarrassment to the Government and offering an assurance that if allowed to remain he would not exercise any political activities.

Sir Wm. Joynson-Hicks said that after consultation with Sir A. Chamberlain, he had been reluctantly compelled to reply that the "unfortunate impression already created could not be removed by any assurances for the future and that directions had already been issued which could not be withdrawn.

Replying to a supplementary statement Sir Wm. Joynson-Hicks hoped that Prince Carol be gone by Monday. —Reuter.

asures and therefore approve of the despatch of destroyers and cruisers to the Yangtze River. However, they maintain that reparations must be secured peacefully and diplomatically—not at the point of a bayonet. —Reuter.

## JAPANESE EXTEND.

Clear Tsinan Chinese Quarter And Take Bridge.

Tsingtao, Yesterday.

Six thousand Southern troops under General Fang Chen-wu have failed to evacuate the Chinese city in Tsinan within the time limit laid down by the Japanese ultimatum, the Japanese Expeditionary Force on Wednesday bombarded the Chinese city with three-inch guns, Stokes mortars and machine guns.

Later the Southern troops surrendered and were disarmed. The Japanese took over the Chinese city.

The Japanese lost one killed and two wounded. —Reuter.

Japanese Planes at Work.

Tokyo, Yesterday. A report from Tsinan says that the appearance of Japanese aeroplanes over the city induced the Southern troops under General Fang Chen-wu, then holding the Chinese quarter of Tsinan, to capitulate on Wednesday afternoon. They are now being disarmed. —Reuter.

7,000 Chinese Disarmed.

Tokyo, Yesterday. Japanese despatches from Tsinan confirm that the Japanese troops have occupied the railway bridge over the Yellow River for the "purpose of keeping the Southerners at a safe distance," and also the report that Chinese troops, whom the Japanese drove from the city, left 160 dead.

The Japanese have disarmed 7,000 Chinese since the first outbreak. —Reuter.

Fighting Outside Tsinan.

Shanghai, Yesterday. The Japanese on Wednesday attacked and drove out a detachment of Chinese troops from a village two miles from Tsinan after a stubborn resistance on the part of the Chinese who lost eighty killed.

Chinese reports state that the Japanese troops set fire to many houses in the vicinity, also that Japanese planes bombed and destroyed the munition dump at Tsinan.

A Nationalist news agency stated that the Japanese have occupied the entire Shantung Railway zone, also Tsinan and the foreign commercial area as well as the Yellow River bridge and Kofen city, 15 miles to the east of Tsinan. It adds that they are apparently considering extending the occupied area. —Reuter.

War Spreads To Tsingtao.

Shanghai, Yesterday. There have been encounters between the Chinese and Japanese troops in the vicinity of Tsingtao in which the Japanese appear to have taken the offensive in driving back the Chinese troops. —Reuter.

## NOTED VISITOR.

Captain Robert Dollar Here Again.

ON A WORLD TOUR.

Unable To Break His Journey In Hong Kong.

Captain Robert Dollar, the veteran merchant and shipowner, is a noted visitor whom Hong Kong is pleased to welcome once more. Unfortunately for his many friends, both Chinese and foreign, he is unable — according to represent arrangements — to break his journey here.

The "President Grant" brought Captain Robert Dollar from



Shanghai to-day, and also Mrs. Dollar and two charming nieces, the Misses Dickson, who accompanied their uncle on a previous world tour.

The "China Mail" is informed that the travellers will sail for

## OUR PICTURES.

In To-morrow's "China Mail."

The usual Saturday features in to-morrow's "China Mail" will be augmented by two full pages of pictures.

We are happy to announce that we have contracted with the well-known London photographic agency, the Sporting and General Agency, Ltd., for a regular weekly supply of home-side pictures, all specially selected to appeal to our British readers. The first series will appear in to-morrow's "China Mail."

In addition Saturday's paper of pictures of local interest, including the Volunteer Colours, will contain the usual full page scenes at the unveiling of the Chinese Memorial, the opening of the new Tung Wah Hospital, H.E. the Governor's departure, together with a portrait of H.E. the Officer Administering the Government, a splendid view of Hong Kong by night, etc.

Manila on the "President Grant" to-morrow afternoon.

No official reception programme has been mapped out for "Cappy Ricks," the hero of Peter Kyne's stories, as Captain Dollar prefers to spend the day or so he is at leisure.

"The Friend of China."

It is only to be expected, however, that his large circle of business friends and that some of his many Chinese admirers will call upon him.

This is not the first occasion that Captain Dollar has come to Hong Kong nor, it is hoped, will it be by any means the last. Although when others of his age have retired for years, he is still actively engaged in his many interests. At Shanghai, he spoke confidently on the future of foreign trade in China. After a week or so in the Philippine Islands, Captain Dollar and the ladies are to continue on their voyage by the "President Wilson" which will take them back to America.

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## PEACE PACT.

Statement In The Commons.

"TIME TO CONSIDER."

Sir A. Chamberlain Explains Attitude Of H.M. Govt.

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons, during the Foreign Office debate, replying to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald with regard to the United States proposal to outlaw war, Sir A. Chamberlain said: We must take a little time to consider the relation proposed in this obligation to our existing obligations. Mr. Kellogg's speech had shown the possibility of reconciling our obligations with the new declaration he had invited us to take.

His Majesty's Government had concluded the examination of the proposal and their comments and suggestions for the reply to the United States were already en route to the dominions. He had tentatively suggested a meeting of jurists, but withdrew the proposal immediately he learned that it had not commended itself to one of the Governments concerned. They therefore, would now proceed by the ordinary diplomatic channels. When the reply of the Dominions had been received the Government hoped to reply to the United States that it desired to co-operate in the conclusion of the pact. —Reuter.

## OIL SHARES.

"SHELL" & "ROYAL DUTCH" DIVIDENDS.

HANDSOME RETURN.

London, Yesterday. The Shell Transport Trading Company announce an interim dividend of 15 per cent, making 25 per cent in respect of 1927.

Amsterdam, Yesterday. The Royal Dutch Shell Company recommend a further 14 per cent, making 24 per cent for the year. —Reuter.

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THE MAN.

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Robert Dollar is the foremost producer and exporter of lumber in the United States and is the owner of two fleets of steamers which call regularly at Hong Kong, one for trade on the Pacific and the other for round-the-world trade. No other person has done so much as he to build up commerce between the U.S. Pacific coast and the Orient. He is regarded as a creator of friendship between the Orient and the Occident, said a well-known writer. He is also noted for his work in building up a powerful American merchant marine and for his generous gifts to education and charity.

Honoured by China's Rulers.

The last Emperor of China (Hsuan Tung) and President Yuan Shih-kai decorated him, and when Li Yuan-hung was chosen President of China, one of the first things he did was to send Robert Dollar a cable expressing a desire for his friendship. He has been honoured by election to the presidency of both the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants' Exchange of San Francisco, by selection as a director of the Foreign Trade Council, by appointment as a director of the G\$30,000,000 American International Corporation.

Born in Scotland.

Yet among the great business men of America no one began life more humbly than he. He was born in a little home above a lumber firm's office at Falkirk, Scotland, practically eighty years ago. When only twelve years old, he was taken from school to earn a few shillings as office boy with a shipping company. The family moved to Canada. A year later, and little Robert, who was then under fourteen years of age, was sent two hundred miles from civilization to a lumber camp to be cook's boy. Even to-day lumber camps are noted for their hard life and the rough men who work in them; sixty years ago they were much worse. The lowest job in a lumber camp was that of

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## PILLS AND PISTOLS.

Two Chinese Sentenced.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

150,000 Heroin Pills At One Fell Swoop.

A haul of no fewer than 150,000 heroin pills was made by Revenue Officers early this week, and the sequel occurred in Mr. R. E. Lindsell's Court at the Central Magistracy this morning, when two Chinese were charged with the unlawful possession of 120,000 of the pills.

Two lots of the pills, one numbering 20,000 and the other 30,000 were seized on board the China Merchants' s.s. "Hsin Wah."

In connection with the first lot, a seaman of the ship, a Shanghai Chinese was arrested, whilst the owner of the second lot could not be traced.

When the Shanghai seaman was brought before the Court this morning, it was stated that the pills found in his possession contained eight times as much heroin as allowed by law.

Possession Admitted.

He admitted possession of the pills but said that he did not know they contained heroin. He had intended to take the pills to Canton to sell them there as medicine.

Taking the accused's plea as one of "guilty," Mr. Lindsell registered a conviction and imposed a fine of \$2,000, or, in default, six months' hard labour.

Later, Mr. Horace Lo appeared in Court and informed the Magistrate that he was instructed for the defence yesterday. He had made inquiries about the case then, and was informed that it would not be heard in the Hong Kong Court. Later, he learned that the defendant would be brought before the Court at 10.30 that morning. He hoped that he was not too late to apply for the case to be re-opened.

Mr. Lindsell informed Mr. Lo that the accused had admitted possession of the pills and was accordingly fined.

Mr. Lo argued that the accused had admitted possession of the pills but not "guilty knowledge" as to what the pills were made of.

Mr. Lindsell said that all he had been concerned with was the fact that the accused had admitted possession of the pills and had stated that he intended taking them to Canton to sell there.

Counsel's Request.

Mr. Lo said that he would like time to consider the point as to whether the accused's plea amounted to one of admission of guilty knowledge, and requested his Worship to suspend sentence in the meantime.

Mr. Lindsell agreed to give Mr. Lo until 11 a.m., to-morrow to consider whether or not he should apply for a re-hearing of the case.

The master of passenger sampan B-3681-V was then charged with the unlawful possession of 100,000 pills of a similar description.

He claimed that it was left in his sampan by a passenger.

On two further charges of possession of 60 taels of prepared Macao opium, and 16 Luger pistol loaders, he gave the same excuse.

The Magistrate decided to hear the pills and opium cases first.

C.P.O. Clark, in the witness box, deposed to searching the accused's boat at Chungshawan at 2.30 p.m., on May 8.

Parcels of Pills.

The pills which were in ten packages were found in the midship hold of the sampan. Six of the parcels were in a flour bag, whilst the other four were lying loosely in the hold. The opium done up in three rolls of 20 1-tael tins each, were in another bag in the aft hold of the sampan. He arrested the defendant.

Remark that it was obvious that the accused had deliberately his boat for smuggling drugs, Mr. Lindsell imposed fines of \$2,000 or three months for possession of the pills and \$4,000 or six months for the opium, the jail terms to run consecutively.

An order was made for the confiscation of the pills, opium and the sampan.

Pistol Loaders.

with Major C. Willson to hear the

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## EGYPT GRATEFUL.

Premier Pleased With Conciliatory Spirit.

ANGLO-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS.

Sir A. Chamberlain Says Fresh Negotiations Would Be Useless.

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons during the Foreign Office debate, replying to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Sir A. Chamberlain said that fresh negotiations with Egypt would be useless until time and experience had done their work. Meantime His Majesty's Government would do everything to make it possible to conduct Anglo-Egyptian relations without these recurring crises or resorting to grave warnings on the moving of ships.

Sir Austen stated that Nahas Pasha had asked Lord Lloyd to convey to him (Sir A. Chamberlain) his gratitude for the conciliatory and friendly spirit which had inspired the happy solution of the recent crisis. —Reuter.

## RECKLESS CYCLIST.

LOSES CONTROL AND KNOCKS DOWN BOY.

COURT CASE.

Yesterday at noon, a rather serious accident occurred at Nathan-road, on the incline between Austin-road and Jordan-road, opposite Leys Buildings and Saifee Terrace, involving a Chinese youth riding a bicycle, who crashed into and knocked down a small British lad, T. Green (12), residing at No. 231, Nathan-road.

A sequel to the incident took place at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning before Mr. W. Schofield.

A witness said: "At 12.40 yesterday, I boarded a Kowloon bus from the Star Ferry, and when we had just passed the junction of Austin-road and Nathan-road, down the incline, casually looking out, I saw the defendant pass the bus on the left hand side, going at a good pace. Then I noticed two lads crossing the road, and saw the defendant, to all appearances, lose control of the bicycle. Before he could pull up he crashed right into a boy, knocking him down with some considerable force. The bus was about 6 yards behind at the time of the collision, and I being in the front row of the bus, jumped off before it had stopped at the usual terminus at Jordan-road. I helped the little lad to rise, and found a big bump on his head, at the same time detaining the defendant, until a constable arrived on the scene and arrested him."

His Worship: "You say that the defendant appeared to lose control?"

Witness: "To all appearances, yes. He had ample time to pull up if he had applied his brakes."

The little lad was then called to give evidence, and he said that he was crossing the road from the right to the left, when at about one and a half yards from the trees (on the left) he saw defendant 6 yards away from him, and then "he knocked me down."

The defendant said that the boy suddenly ran across the road, and he pulled up travelling very slowly when the complainant stopped right in front of him. Not being able to avoid him as the bus was right behind, he knocked him down. "Did you ring your bell?" asked his Worship.

The defendant answered in the affirmative, which did not agree with the evidence of the witness and complainant. Fined \$10.

case against the same accused of possession of the 16 Luger pistol loaders.

C.P.O. Clark said that he found the loaders together with the pills in the midship hold of the sampan. The bag in which they were contained was damp, and he judged from this and the rusty condition of the loaders that they had been submerged in water.

The accused said that the loaders together with the pills and opium all belonged to a passenger who had engaged his sampan to go out to a ship in harbour.

The Magistrate decided to convict, and sentence of two years' hard labour was passed, the sentence to run concurrently with those already passed on the accused by Mr. Lindsell for possession of the pills.

opium.

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A. PIERCY,  
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Hong Kong, 7th May, 1928.

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### GENEROUS GESTURE.

SYBIL THORNDIKE TO THE  
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#### FATE OF A PLAY.

London.—By a generous gesture Miss Sybil Thorndike has saved a forthcoming London play.

When she was at Dartmouth with her son watching the naval manoeuvres, she received a telegram from Mr. Leon M. Lion reading: "Am in a quandary. Will you help?"

Miss Thorndike answered instantly: "Yes. What is it?" Mr. Lion replied that Miss Willette Kershaw, the Canadian actress, who was to have played the leading part in the new play, "The House of a Stranger," on April 4, had suddenly been taken seriously ill.

Miss Thorndike wired Mr. Lion to send the part by express train. This was done, she read it, immediately returned to London, and began rehearsing.

"I shall play the part for three weeks, until I start for South Africa," Miss Thorndike said, "by which time I hope Miss Kershaw will have recovered."

Miss Sheila MacGregor, the young South African actress, has joined the Thorndike Company. She will play a big emotional part in "The Silver Cord" and smaller parts in "The Lie" and other plays. She is delighted with this opportunity to tour South Africa again before she leaves to be married in Calcutta at the end of the year.

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### GREAT DIPLOMAT.

MEMORIAL TO SIR JORN  
JORDAN.

#### DEDICATED AT PEKING.

A most impressive ceremony took place in the British Legation chapel, Peking, on Easter Sunday morning, when the Right Rev. Bishop F. L. Norris of the Anglican Mission dedicated the brass memorial tablet for the late Sir John Jordan. Official of the Legation and prominent members of the Peking British community were present to do honour to the memory of one of the ablest representatives of His Majesty's government in Peking.

The dedication took place after the first hymn in the morning service, when Bishop Norris arose and addressed the congregation.

"Two years and a half have elapsed since it pleased Almighty God to call to Himself one who was intimately known to some of us, and whose well merited reputation was, I suppose, well known to almost all of us, Sir John Jordan, British Minister in Peking from 1906 to 1920.

#### His Life Recalled.

"No more fitting day surely than Easter Sunday could have been fixed upon for the dedication of the memorial which has now been placed on the walls of this Chapel. But though neither Sir John nor Lady Jordan would wish me to interrupt for long the course of our Easter Service, I must ask you to bear with me for a moment while I recall one or two facts about him. When I arrived in Peking in 1889 Mr. Jordan (as he was then) had just been appointed to the substantive post of Chinese Secretary. Seven years later he left Peking for Korea. Ten years later again he returned to Peking and for fourteen strenuous years he filled the post of British Minister here. Five years after he retired, at the age of 78 he was called to his rest.

#### Devotion to Duty.

"The outstanding feature of his character, through all the years during which I knew him, was his whole-hearted devotion to duty or in other words, to his work. He was a man of few recreations with as far as I know, no favourite hobby. That was no doubt a definite limitation. But on the other hand it concentrated attention on the way in which he kept his work ever in the foreground and allowed nothing to interfere with it. That, I venture to say, is a lesson of which we need to be reminded more and more as distractions multiply around us. But no one could come in contact with him without learning it shall I rather say, without the opportunity of learning another and no less important lesson. Speaking for myself, I have no hesitation in saying that he was one of the most self-forgetful men I have ever known. His own respects, his own reputation ever seldom or never appeared

### THE AFGHAN QUEEN.

VAIN WAIT TO SEE A  
NEW BABY.

#### A DISAPPOINTMENT.

When in London last month the Queen of Afghanistan admired 75 English babies when she visited Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital in Marylebone-road, N.W.

Through Lady Humphrys, wife of the British Minister at Kabul, who interpreted for her, she said a few kindly words to the infants' mothers and also to the women who were awaiting motherhood.

"Oh, what a beautiful big baby!" she cried when she saw the eight-days-old son of Mrs. Mary Honeywill, of Finsbury Park. She bent over the baby in his cot.

"It is so big. May I see it?" she asked.

Baby Honeywill was lifted out, and the Queen patted his cheeks and smiled and talked to him.

"Please Show Me a New One."

Meanwhile a pathetic wail came from a cot at the other end of the ward. Princess Nour-el-Stradi, the Queen's sister, walked towards the cot and looked at the baby in it.

A doctor lifted it out and handed it to her, and after she had rocked it in her arms for a few seconds the sobs ceased.

After visiting the operating theatre the Queen said, "Please show me a new-born baby."

A dozen were expected to be born any minute, but none came in time to show the royal visitor, although she waited some time. She had only left the hospital a few minutes when two or three new babies came into the world.

As the Queen left the hospital the nurses lined up in the rain and cheered her.

#### Gift To Queen Mary.

The King has given to Mr. Yunus, secretary of the Afghan Legation in London, a gold cigarette case in recognition of his services as interpreter between himself and King Amanullah at the banquet at Buckingham Palace.

The Queen has accepted the gift of an automatic gramophone from the King of Afghanistan as a farewell token. The instrument plays 20 records without any aid from the operator, and King Amanullah has purchased a further three models for his palace at Kabul.

to be in his mind at all. If at times he seemed bent on getting his own way, it was never because it was his own way but because it was the best way; and that is a thing that some of us imagine to be true more often than it is true. When, as I verily believe in his case, it is true of any man, it is a mark of real greatness of character. It is right then that there should be in this chapel, where for nearly forty years of his life he so regularly worshipped, a lasting memorial."

Bishop Norris then asked the congregation to stand up and proceeded to dedicate the memorial.

### MAN'S BODY.

EXHUMATION SECRET  
REVEALED.

#### AFTER TWO YEARS.

Woking.—Close inquiries revealed the secret of exhumation which was reported, in the "Daily Express," and was carried out so mysteriously by the Surrey police in the little churchyard of St. John's, a parish two miles from Woking town.

The body removed from the unnamed, unmarked grave was that of an old man who, when he died, was staying at Lower Knap Hill, the village that adjoins St. John's. I learn from the people of Knap Hill that he was a reserved old man, who rarely spoke to any of his neighbours says the "Daily Express" correspondent. He was, however, frequently seen on his walks through the village, when he always had as companion a brown spaniel dog.

He was not in particularly good health owing to his age, and was under the care of Dr. A. H. Brewer, a local practitioner.

#### Fatal Illness.

The man became seriously ill and died in the early part of August. A certificate was given by the doctor and the funeral took place on August 17, 1926, in the graveyard of the parish church of St. John's. The funeral is recorded by a simple announcement in the parish magazine for September, 1926.

The Rev. D. W. Money, the Vicar, conducted the funeral service.

A report which recently came to the Surrey County Police led to the inquiries which culminated in the exhumation. Certain documents were forwarded by the police to the Home Office, including a statement taken from a woman who had lived in the district, and after consideration of these the Home Office forwarded their sanction for the exhumation to the county coroner.

Every possible precaution was taken by the police to prevent any hint of their intention to disinter the body becoming known. The vicar was not shown the official order for the exhumation until a few hours before the time fixed for opening the grave.

The men who were employed on the work were bound to a pledge of secrecy. A temporary shelter of canvas was erected round the grave to prevent any observation, and plain-clothed policemen were on duty outside the churchyard to turn away any inquisitive person.

As soon as the plain oak coffin holding the remains of the man was brought to the surface the nameplate was immediately removed. Then the body was carried in an ambulance to the mortuary.

Here Sir Bernard Spilsbury, who had come down specially from London, was in waiting, with Dr. Brewer, who had attended the dead man in his last illness.

Sir Bernard, assisted by the local doctor, made his examination and certain parts of the remains were sealed and sent to London for analytical examination.

An inquest is likely to be held, by Mr. Wills-Taylor, Epsom; the county coroner. Sir Bernard Spilsbury will detail the results of his examination, and Dr. Brewer is also to be a witness.

### TANGIER'S FUTURE.

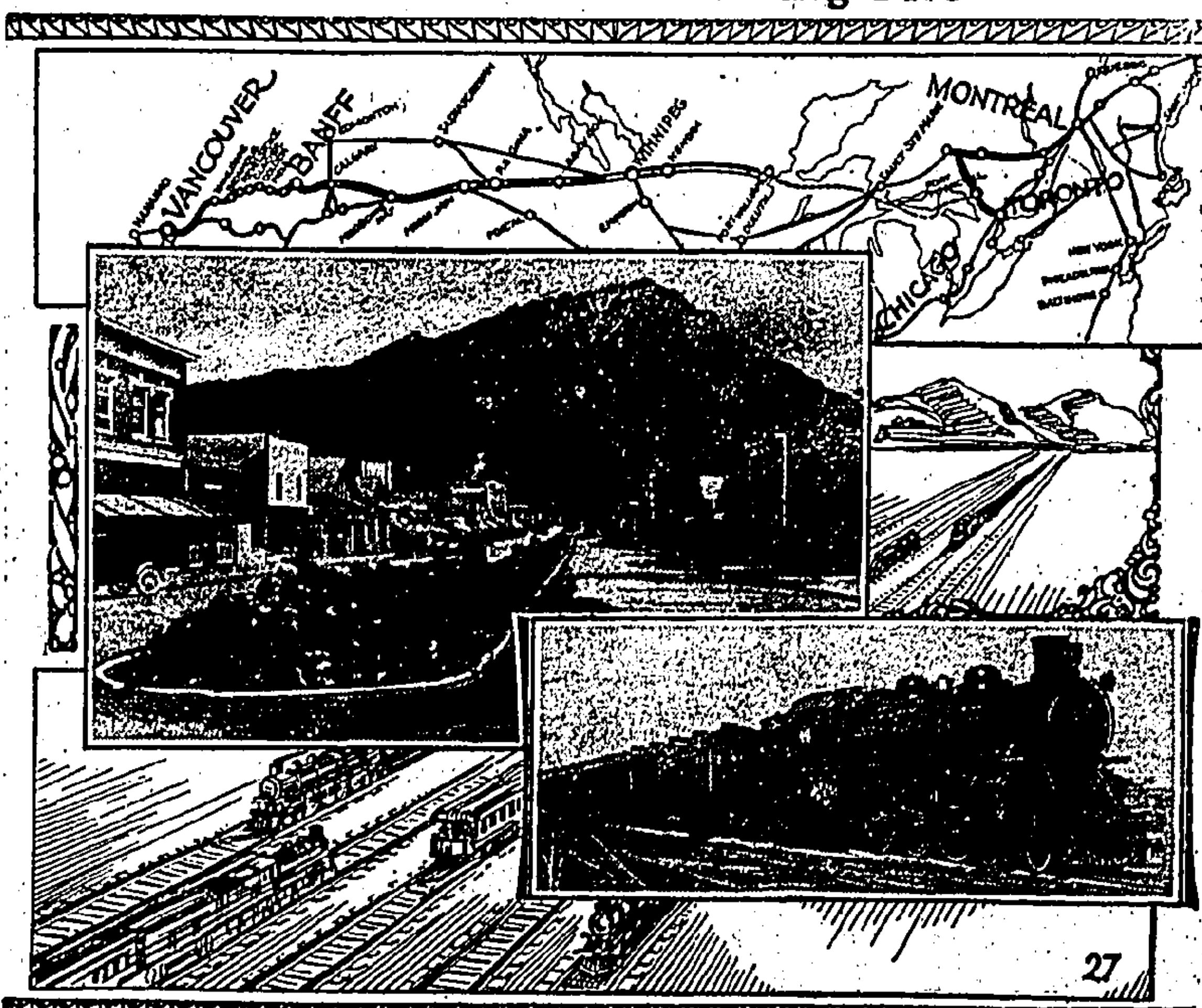
CONFERENCE OPENS IN  
PARIS.

Paris.—The opening sitting of the Tangier Conference took place under the presidency of M. Briand. Previously the British, Spanish, and Italian Ambassadors who are representing their respective countries and the experts attached to them were, together with M. Philippe Berthelot and various French officials, entertained at luncheon by the French Foreign Minister.

Serious objections to the modification of the Tangier Statute agreed upon by France and Spain are not looked for in French quarters from either England or Italy, and, pending the presentation of precise demands by the latter, it is thought probable that these will not go beyond some measure of participation in the municipal administration and representation on the Mixed Tribunal. France, according to usually well-informed sources, would be, it is said, prepared to give Italy control of the service of hygiene.

The "Temps," recording the impression that the discussions will be friendly and not too long drawn out, says that this is most heartily to be desired, not merely in order to finish once for all with the controversies that arise periodically around Tangier, but especially because "this settlement will constitute a happy preface to the consolidation of the trustful relations which ought logically to exist between the Powers who are interested in an equal degree in the maintenance of Mediterranean equilibrium."

### The Canadian Pacific's Big Five



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3—One of the giant engines to be used for these long runs.

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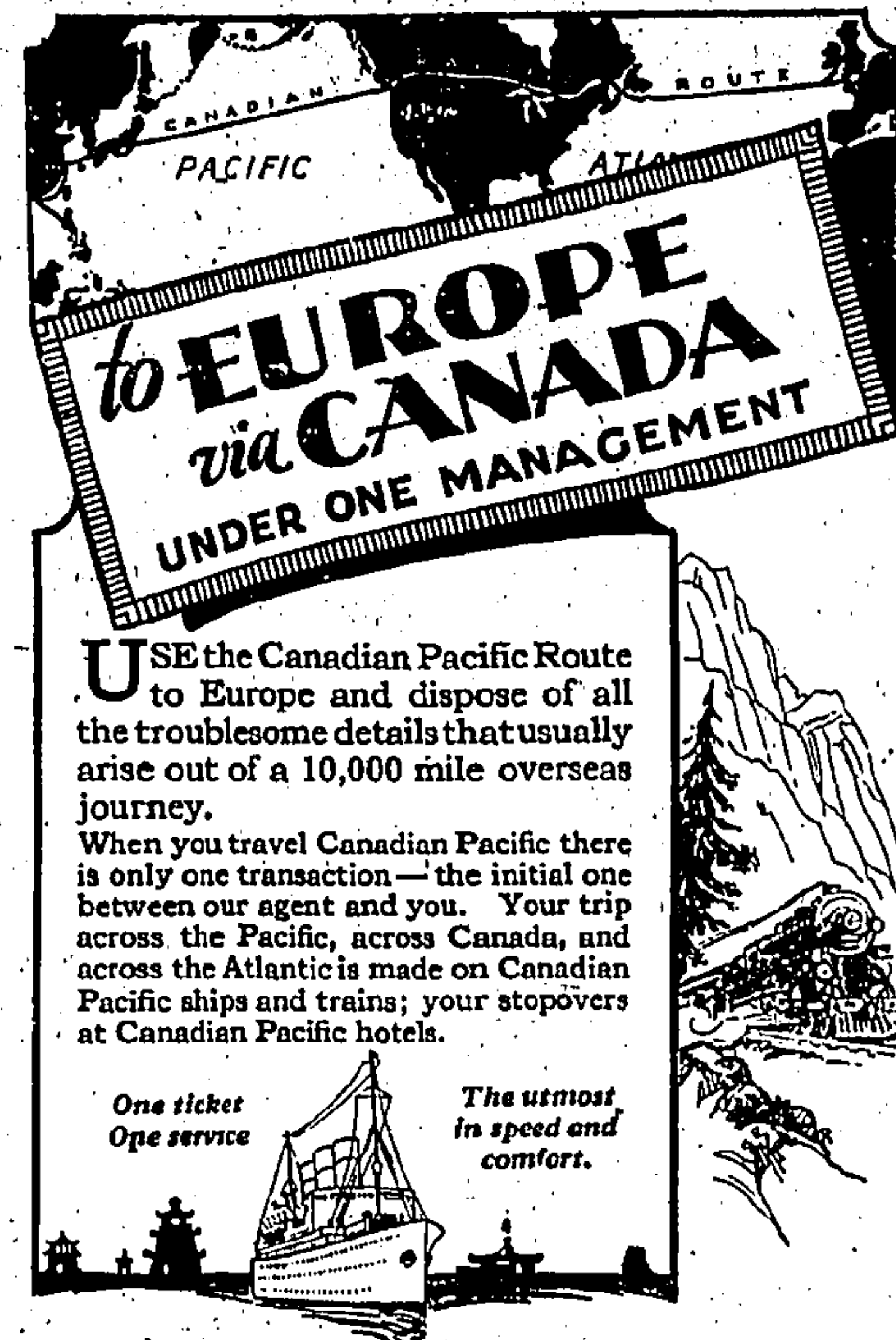
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Mr. N. Richardson, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Pingwo."

Mr. G. H. Sowden, has been appointed sup'y second officer, "Suiwo."

Mr. F. A. Maxwell, second officer, "Suiwo," has gone acting chief officer, same ship.

Mr. A. Woolley, chief officer, "Suiwo," is on reserve.

Mr. W. Bowden has been appointed third engineer officer, "Kungwo."

Mr. W. W. Colquhoun, third engineer officer, "Kungwo," is on reserve.

## WARSHIPS IN PORT.

Warships in port this morning were as follows:—

North wall basin: Wild Swan;

East wall basin: Moth, L3, L27, St. Breock; North arm of Dockyard:

Witherington, Wivern, Verity; West wall Dock: Berwick; in Dockyard:

Tarantula, Francol, B.P.T.; No. 2 buoy: Wishart, Wolverine; No. 4 buoy: Veteran; No. 5 buoy: Wanderer; No. 8 buoy: Keppel; No. 10 buoy: Thracian, Sepoy; No. 18 buoy: Ruthenia; No. 19 buoy: Somme; No. 29 buoy: Belgo;

Foreign warships:—Portuguese: Patria; American: Sacramento (at No. 11 buoy), Asheville (at No. 22 buoy).

## MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The Ben Line ss. "Banclench" from Middlesbro', Antwerp, London and Sraits is due to arrive here today.

The P. &amp; O. ss. "Novara" left Singapore for this port on May 6 at 4 p.m. with the outward English Mail, and is due here tomorrow.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Vancouver for Hong Kong via Japan ports and Shanghai, on April 27 and is



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KIDDERPORE	5,252	22nd May	Strait, Colombo, Bombay & Karachi.
MALWA	10,985	26th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
JAIPORE	5,273	31st May	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
DELTA	5,318	2nd June	Miles, Ldon, A'werp, R'dam & H'burg
MIRZAPORE	8,097	9th June	Bombay, Marseilles, Ldon & A'werp
RAJPUTANA	6,715	16th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
NOVARA	6,589	30th June	Marseilles, London, Antwerp, Hull, Rotterdam & Hamburg.
KYBER	9,114	7th July	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull.
RAWALPINDI	16,619	21st July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
NANKIN	7,058	28th July	Miles, Ldon, A'werp, R'dam & H'burg
KASHMIR	8,095	4th Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
RAJPUTANA	16,558	18th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
NALDERA	16,088	1st Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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ARAFURA	6,000	3rd Aug.	Melbourne.

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NOVARA	6,980	12th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,155	18th May	Shanghai, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
MIRZAPORE	8,155	21st May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
SANTHA	6,715	24th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RANPURA	16,601	25th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,000	2nd June	Amoy, Shanghai, Kobe & Osaka.
NANKIN	7,058	5th June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	8th June	Amoy, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
KARADA	8,049	7th June	Amoy, Kobe & Yokohama.
KYBER	9,114	14th June	Amoy, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALAMBA	8,018	17th June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAWALPINDI	16,619	22nd June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
NELLORE	8,853	3rd July	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
KASHMIR	8,853	6th July	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
ARAFURA	6,000	10th July	Shanghai, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
RAJPUTANA	16,558	20th July	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
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London.—That unemployment in a modern nation was a sign of health and progress, that a lot of old tramp tonnage should be broken up for the benefit of the whole shipping industry, and that coal-burning tramp ships were better than motor vessels were some of the opinions presented by Sir Laurence Philipps, Bart., presiding over the seventh annual meeting of the United British Steamship Co., Ltd.

Sir Laurence said that the company had always avoided the purchase of new vessels as far as possible. There were too many steamers in the world at the present time, but the fact was that there were not any of the type of steamers that the company wanted to buy. There were lots of obsolete vessels which could not compete with modern tonnage. He only wished other owners would realise that, and break them up as soon as possible. If they did so they would benefit the whole shipping trade. As they could not buy the type of ship they wanted they were obliged to order new ones to be built. Again, they had gone into the question of oil or coal, and had arrived at the definite conclusion that for English tramp vessels the coal burning steamer could compete with any other boat afloat. In fact, they were confident that they could even make more money with their steamers than people with Diesel engine ships of the same size could hope to earn.

### No Sign of Boom.

Dealing with the shipping outlook, he said that he saw no sign of a shipping boom, but trade was slightly better. The coming year was going to be a very difficult one, because not only were there too many ships and too many shipbuilders, but there were too many miners and too many people employed in agriculture. He was glad to see some English people boosting England, because during a recent visit to the U.S.A. he had been surprised to discover that every village had its "boosting club," and trade seemed to prosper in proportion. The Englishman was generally so pessimistic that he boosted every country except his own.

The pessimistic Englishman was always pointing out the awful problem of unemployment. But it was his opinion that unemployment in a modern nation was a sign of health and progress. That might seem startling; but he was sure it was true. In the days before civilisation started every man had to be employed digging the earth to produce enough food to eat, and they had a very poor life. Then someone invented a plough, and one man could produce enough wheat for four people. So at that time the other three devils said, "We have nothing to do!" But the other three men were soon absorbed in work that was making something like a primitive form of luxury. When machinery began to make production much easier many men were thrown out of employment, but again they were soon absorbed in producing luxuries for the others. To-day, English civilisation had reached a very high point. No one need starve in England, and the standard of living was fairly comfortable as far as the necessities of life were concerned. People who were thrown out of work were gradually absorbed in the luxury trades, and that was why those trades were booming to-day. In the U.S.A., where there was a very high standard of living, they had 4,000,000 unemployed at the present time, yet the commercial progress of that country was very striking.

He was very hopeful for the future of this country, if it was left to the individual enterprise of business men, and if the business men were not taxed out of existence or tied up by hopeless laws and regulations. It would be fatal to take things out of the individuals' hands and put business into the hands of socialistic committees.

### Profit on Voyages.

Dealing with the finances of the company, he said that the net profit for 1927 was £2,086 18s. 2d., to which had to be added £10,501 5s. 2d. brought forward. A dividend of 7 per cent. was agreed upon. The Kensington Court was delivered in May, and the Nollington Court and Orington Court soon after. Five new steamers of 9,500 tons deadweight each were now being built and would be delivered at the end of the year. To pay for these vessels a further 300,000 ordinary shares had been issued recently. The profit and loss account would show them that the profits on voyages and dividends on investments were £24,669 against £42,508 last year.

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T'au via Swatow & Shai	FOOSHING	Wed., 23rd May at Noon
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All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 17th inst., at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

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All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined by Messrs. Anderson & Ashe on 12th May, 1928, at 10 a.m.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 17th May, 1928, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Under-signed on or before 24th May, 1928, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the Free Storage period of One Week.

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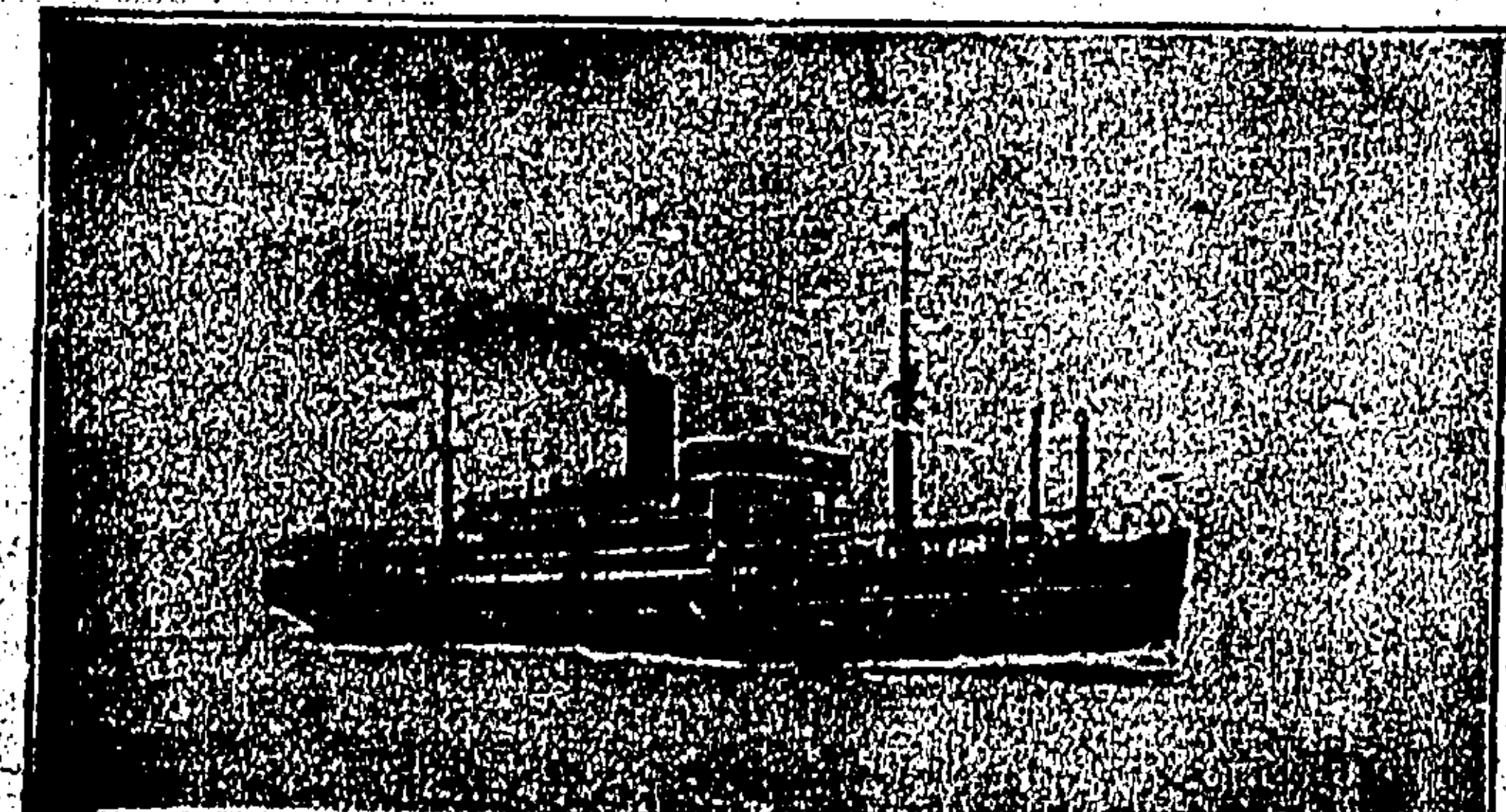
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## DEATH.

NELLEMAN.—On May 7, at his home, 98 Rue Cardinal Mercier, Shanghai, Rasmus Louis Nellenman, aged 58.

## IN MEMORIAM.

JACKSON.—In affectionate remembrance of Rosalie Adelaide Jackson, who died at Shanghai January 1, 1921, and her husband William Sanford Jackson, who died at Shanghai, May 7, 1921.

Hong Kong, Friday, May 11, 1928.

## TSINAN AND HONG KONG.

Tsinan continues to be the favourite topic of conversation in the Colony to-day. Strange to say, opinion among the Chinese in Hong Kong is by no means unanimous. More surprising still is the fact that a totally unexpected proportion of the more intelligent class, mostly level-headed merchants, displays a highly erroneous conception of the affair. Human nature being what it is, the amount of heartburning is not to be wondered at. But very few indeed seem to have a grasp of matters, either from the national or the individual point of view. A large number whose ideas have hitherto commanded respect now talk in childlike fashion about the consequences of the rupture with Japan over the latest developments in Shantung province. One thing which has made itself apparent is the Nationalist Party's substantial gain in popularity among the conservative element. Almost to a man, the

Chinese in Hong Kong are pro-Nationalist rather than pro-China in the attitude they have adopted.

"What is going to happen."

"What will be done," and "Will there be war between Japan and China" are a few of the questions on most people's lips. Few, if any, concern themselves with the more humane thoughts of how a solution can be arrived at or, on the other hand, with the more practical problem of the result of this regrettable turmoil. Practically to a man, the pro-Nationalists refuse to entertain the theory that the Chinese may have fired the first shot. The surmise that the Chinese may have been the aggressors, under strong provocation, is rejected point-blank. The mere suggestion that bad characters may have availed themselves of the opportunity to create a situation of chaos for their own gain will not be tolerated. Another line of heated discussion is the chance of victory the Nationalists have if ever war were declared. All this, as we have pointed out at earlier stages of the hostilities, leads nowhere. And as we have tried to emphasise in varying circumstances since June, 1925, use of the economic weapon as the boycott is called, will not benefit the Chinese in the long run. Irrespective of which side is to blame, what have the Nationalists to gain by entangling themselves further in the dispute with Japan?

So far, the victorious march of the allied Nationalist and Kuomintang forces has been halted. Two precious weeks have been lost. True, the Northerners have not to any material extent availed themselves of an opportunity to counter-attack; but they have had a welcome respite. Assuming that Marshal Chang Tso-lin does withdraw into Manchuria, he will have gained time in which to carry out a systematic evacuation. Furthermore, the Nationalist Army has suffered in men and weapons. Of possibly even greater consequence is the loss of "face" by the leaders—loss of "face" for not being able to work the oracle, as they were expected to do, in sweeping the Japanese troops out of Shantung—and loss of prestige in the eyes of the world for not being able to exercise a greater degree of control over the rank and file. Having embarked on a course of determined and close protection of interest and nationality—and the word "interest" is

placed first on purpose—is it likely that Japan will adopt either of the two policies which Britain and the United States decided upon for dealing with the Nanking Rape of 1927? Britain preferred to dally. America chose peace at any price. Japan, in Shantung, trusts to direct action at Tsinan, Tsingtao and along the Shantung Railway to adjust differences. The best thing for the supporters of the Nationalists to do now is to concentrate firstly on peace, secondly on completion of unifying China, and thirdly on leaving a final settlement to the officials whose duty it is to do the diplomatic work.

## Prince Carol.

The telegrams to hand to-day on the doings of the ex-Crown Prince of Rumania make it perfectly clear that he is still lingering in sunny Surrey and evidently very reluctant to leave it. We don't blame him, for it is exceedingly doubtful if he should find Bukharest or any other part of Rumania quite so peaceful. His attitude is, of course, not precisely such as we should expect from a "pukka" revolutionary, and undoubtedly lends colour to the view we have already expressed to the effect that this young man is much more likely to be the mere cat's paw of political agitators than the initiator of a revolution having as its object his ascension of a throne. By one of the most remarkable coincidences that we have ever known D'Oisy and his flying French colleague, Carol, was also about to fly from the south of England to Bukharest simultaneously with the news circulated regarding the royal Carol. Very naturally it was thought that the Carol accompanying D'Oisy was no other than the "revolutionary" who had just issued a manifesto expressing determination to "march on Bukharest" and ascend the throne he had twice renounced following previous indiscretions. The young man would not be tolerated for a moment by any reasonable Rumanian unless behind his interest in this "gilded youth" there were also aspirations of a very different character, probably selfish to the core.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### SWEEP TICKETS.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")  
Sir,—For several months previous to May of this year, sweepstake tickets were sold in and about Hong Kong for the (Shanghai) Powhattan Sweep. The tickets were \$3 (three dollars), each and were printed all over with the usual spot-barred clauses to prevent you from winning anything. "To be drawn on May 7, and run May 8, etc., etc."  
Up to 8 p.m., May 10, there was no word in Hong Kong, at the place where the tickets were sold, of anything Powhattan, either drawn, run, or won.

Is this a sweepstake, or just a collection, that we have contributed to?

Yours, etc.,

PHILANTHROPIST.

[Details concerning the Powhattan Sweep appear in this issue. It is, of course, a legitimate and fairly-conducted sweep.—Editor.]

### EARL HAIG'S APPEAL.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")  
Dear Sir,—A great deal of interest has been shown by the public, as to whether the 1927 Poppy Day Appeal total would reach the half million aimed at, and suggested by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales when speaking on the Wireless on the evening of November 10 last. I am glad to be able to tell you that the £500,000 mark has been passed, and I feel sure you will be pleased to have the enclosed details.

Yours, etc.,

(Sd.) W. G. WILCOX,  
Captain,  
Organising Secretary,  
Appeal Department,  
British Legion.

### PRINCE'S WISH.

Poppy Day Total Over £500,000.

H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, when speaking on the Wireless on the evening of November 10 last year in support of the Poppy Day Appeal, said:—  
"We bought so many Poppies last year and so nearly reached the total of £500,000, that surely we can do a little better this year and realise the half million to-morrow. So will each one of you give a little

more for your Poppy than you did last year? Give even a little more than you can afford, remembering that even if it is a sacrifice, it is a small one compared with theirs, and that in so giving we are keeping alive that spirit of unselfish comradeship in which they so gallantly went away, willingly gave of their best, and often of their all. In the name of those dear ones we have lost and for the sake of those who are still with us but in such crying need, I ask you to be very generous to-morrow."

It is pleasing to be able to report that the Prince's wish has been fulfilled, and to-day Earl Haig's British Legion Appeal Fund at 26, Eccleston-square, London, S.W.1 make it known that the total received to date in respect of Poppy Day 1927 is just over £504,000 a figure which speaks eloquently of the generosity of the contributors, and the enthusiastic and efficient services rendered by many thousands of voluntary workers. Even this is not the final total, as collections made in several far distant overseas places have still to be received.

Of this splendid total of £504,000, no less than £72,900 was contributed in Greater London, £262,362 in the English and Welsh Counties £76,991 in Scotland, £14,000 in Ireland, and £63,891 by British Communities overseas. Of the remaining £14,000 passengers on British Liners at sea on November 11 last gave £3,979, followers of Hounds (by means of "Caps") £2,787, and by sales of Flanders Poppy Wreaths etc., £7,234.

From Abroad.  
Space does not permit mention being made of more than a few of the outstanding collections received, but the following indicate the spirit of enthusiasm in which overseas collections were made:  
British Malaya sent £15,744, Ceylon £5,925, the Gold Coast £3,765, Nigeria £3,311.  
Many collections on liners were extraordinarily good, 4423 being received from the s.s. "Edinburgh Castle," £419 from the s.s. "Rajputana," and £200 from the s.s. "Almanzora." Practically without exception, poppy sales were arranged on every British Liner at sea on Remembrance Day. Collections in the English and Welsh Counties were outstandingly successful, the aggregate totals showing an advance on the previous year of 25 per cent. The following are a few of the principal amounts received: Birmingham £11,035, Manchester £8,170, Liverpool £5,307, Bristol £4,434, Leeds £2,923, Sheffield £2,608, Hull £1,836, Southampton £1,808, Bournemouth £1,805, Newcastle £1,666, Nottingham £1,293, Northampton £1,288 and Leicester £1,287. London district collections include the following: Kensington £2,789, Wandsworth £3,496, Marylebone £2,919, Chelsea £2,399, Hampstead £2,059, Ealing £1,436, Willesden £1,224, Wimbledon £1,202, and Finsbury £1,008.

The late Field Marshal Earl Haig took the keenest interest in the growth of his Poppy Day Appeal, and it was very sad that he did not live long enough to see the first half million reached. The Poppy Day Appeal, since its inception in 1921 has raised approximately £2,353,000 for the cause of distressed ex-service men, and has been the means of permitting an enormous amount of beneficent work to be carried out on their behalf.

The totals for each year since 1921 have been—1921—£106,000, 1922—£204,000, 1923—£259,000, 1924—£350,000, 1925—£395,000, 1926—£435,000, 1927—£504,000.

The total quantity of Poppies sold on Remembrance Day 1927 was approximately three millions more than the corresponding figure for 1926, and it is gratifying to note that this increased demand for Poppies, as well as for Flanders Poppy Wreaths, has permitted the engagement of a further twenty severely disabled ex-service men at the British Legion Poppy Factory at Richmond—the Factory of Remembrance.

Demand Grows.  
Each year the demand for Poppy Wreaths has grown—and the demand now is not only for Wreaths for placing in connection with Armistice Day ceremonies, but for despatch at all times of the year for the funeral of any ex-service man in this country, or for placing in War Cemeteries overseas. These Wreaths can be placed on any British soldier's grave overseas at an additional charge of only 2/6d. A fully illustrated price list may be obtained from the Headquarters of Earl Haig's British Legion Appeal Fund at 26, Eccleston-square, London, S.W.1.

### THE CHEER 'O.

OFFICIAL OPENING AT CITY HALL.

The Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A. canteen will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, May 14 and 15, and will reopen as usual in the new premises City Hall on Wednesday, May 16. The official opening by H.R.H. The Officer Administering the Government, will take place at 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 24. It is hoped that as many Service men as possible will be present on this occasion.

## 'PRAPS-'PRAPS NOT!

What's your husband's trade, Mrs. Jones?  
He's a blower.  
Oh, yes—glass, froth or organ?

Manager to Foreman: Is the new hand we put on this morning a steady worker?

Foreman: Steady! If he was any steadier he'd be motionless.

"What does Willie call his new motor boat?" the pretty girl asked her friend.

"I forget," the friend answered. "But I'm sure what he called it when he was starting the engine wasn't the name painted on the bow."

Jinks: Why is the letter "E" the most unlucky letter in the alphabet?  
Bobby: Because it is never in cash, always in debt and never out of danger.

She (romantically): I'd just love to be aboard that ship, bound for England.

He: You would be a mighty unpopular passenger—everyone else wants to get to New Zealand.

Friend: Your smoking-room is beautifully arranged.

Mr. Peck: Yes; if only I were allowed to smoke in it, it would be fine.

Mary: Will you sing a song, uncle?

Uncle: But why do you want me to sing, Mary?

Mary: Well, Monty and I are playing shipwrecks, and we want a lot of thunder.

Tourist: I suppose the rain will do the crops a bit of good, Pat?

Pat: Ye're right, sorr. An hour of it will do more good in five minutes than a month of it would do in a week any other time.

Kind Old Lady: "And why are you crying?"

Little Girl: "My bruvver's broke my doll."

K.O.L.: "How did he do that?"

L.G.: "Wiv 'is 'end, when I 'it him wiv 'it."

"George," said the engaged girl, "I want to ask you a question."

"Yes?" George murmured.

"Tell me, if you had never met me would you have loved me just the same?"

The Boy: "Did you like that cigar I gave you? For five hundred bands of that brand you get a gramophone."

Uncle: "If I smoked five hundred of those cigars I guess I should want a harp."

Jones: I think I'll run my wife for Parliament.

Smith: Why?

Jones: Well, because she is so handy introducing bills into the house.

A small boy left in charge of his baby brother called out: "Mum, will you please speak to baby? He's sitting on the flypaper and there's a lot of flies waiting to get on."

Nervous voice from bed to burglar: I warn you! Take care what you're doing. A gentleman I know used to breed bloodhounds, and I can soon get his address!

What makes you so uneasy? Is it your conscience troubling you?  
No: it is my new flannel shirt.

Child (innocently): How did father become a professor?

Mother: So you are beginning to wonder too, are you?

Gentleman (to small boy in chemist's shop): You are very young to be in a chemist's shop. Have you any diploma?

Small Boy: "Er—no—sir, but we have a mixture of our own that's just as good."

## DO YOU KNOW?

To-day's List of Little Posers.

From day to day in the "China Mail" appear half a dozen questions of a general nature, for which acknowledgment is due to the "Daily Sketch." Answers will be found on page 9 of this issue.

- (1) Whence comes the quotation:— "and there was no more sea?"
- (2) What colour are crows' eggs?
- (3) What country is associated in a hymn with icy mountains?
- (4) What was the earliest industry in the Northern Territory?
- (5) Who wrote the following, and in what work: "O, to be in England now that April's there?"
- (6) Which book in the Bible follows Luke's?



## Cleared Out.

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## How Second Clash Began.

Tokyo, Yesterday. An official report received from the War Office appears to confirm the Press messages with regard to the origin of the fighting in Tsinan on Tuesday (the second clash in the city after the first temporary halt). It states that noting the absence of good faith, the Japanese commander attempted to negotiate with General Huang Shi-hui or the Southerners to disarm, at the latter resisted, and 500 simultaneously attacked, whereupon the Japanese responded, blew up the powder magazine and swept the main Southern force from the city. It is also stated that the Southerners destroyed the Japanese cemetery, digging up the graves and committing other barbarities.—Reuter.

## Collecting Evidence.

Tokyo, Yesterday. According to a telegram received by the War Office, the British and American consuls at Tsinan have inspected the bodies of the Japanese who were mutilated by the Southerners. It is considered that their unbiased reports will be valuable when negotiations for a settlement of the Tsinan affair are opened.—Reuter.

## REINFORCEMENTS.

## Japanese Government Charters Steamers.

Tokyo, Yesterday. The Government has chartered seventeen vessels ranging from 1,500 to 8,000 tons for the transportation of the Nagoya division to Shantung.—Reuter.

## Latest Arrivals.

Shanghai, Yesterday. Japanese sources continue to report the arrival of Japanese troops at Tsingtao.—Reuter.

## IN PEKING.

## Chang Tso-lin's Proposal of an Armistice.

Peking, Yesterday. It is believed that Marshal Chang Tso-lin's proposals of an armistice were inspired by the feeling that if his armies in any way continued the war he would be regarded as assisting Japan and as a traitor to China, and popular opposition would thus



Marshal Chang Tso-lin, head of the Northern Government in Peking, who may withdraw to Manchuria.

much weaken his position. Some of his followers are urging him to return to Manchuria, leaving the Nationalists the difficult task of preventing anti-Japanese disturbances and dealing with the Japanese problem.—Reuter.

## Feeling Against Japanese.

Peking, Yesterday. While there are no disturbances and up to the present no demonstrations in Peking, there appears no doubt that the Chinese are practically unanimous against Japan.

Anti-British and other anti-foreign outbreaks and boycotts of past years were due to local or temporary causes or artificially stirred up by agitators; but the feeling against Japan is much deeper and more genuine. The Chinese appear to have a national dislike and distrust for the Japanese, which renders the situation much more dangerous than otherwise would be the case.—Reuter.

## PRESS VIEWS.

## Japan Not to Repeat Error in Siberia.

Tokyo, Yesterday. The newspapers unanimously continue to urge the Government to deal with the Tsinan affair in such a way as to localize action and the consequences. "Do not repeat the Siberian folly (of a decade ago) by over-

## NOTED VISITOR.

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cook's boy. The men swore at him when the food was not as good as they expected. However, Robert was doing his best, and most of the men came to like him, especially as he could read and write love letters for the illiterate. "I Like to Learn."

The camp manager one day caught the boy doing some figures and learning to write.

"What are you up to?" demanded the boss.

The boy was startled, and he tore up the sheet of paper he had spread on top of a flour barrel. "I've finished my work," he said.

"What were you doing?" asked the boss.

"When I have any spare time I like to learn," he explained timidly.

"Learn what?"

"To figure and write."

The camp manager picked up the paper. It was covered with figures and writing. He said no more. He did not dismiss the boy for using the company's time for such a purpose, but quietly provided the little fellow with books, and also saw to it that he had time for study.

**Gift of Thrift.** The boy did not confine his studies to books or to cooking. He learned how to fell trees, how to tell good lumber from bad, and how to get along with the rough workmen. Before he had reached manhood, he was able to hold his own when trouble broke out. He had shown such remarkable ability for managing men and things that he was made foreman over a big gang when he was twenty-one years of age.

All Scottish children are taught to read the Bible and to be thrifty. Robert Dollar had saved most of his hard-won wages, though the pay was only \$3.10 a month at the start. Another Scotch trait is independence. He had enough money when twenty-seven to buy a bit of timberland and started business for himself in high hopes.

**Intensely Practical.** Robert Dollar was caught by hard times and became a bankrupt, as many stronger business men were obliged to do at that time. He had learned, however, not to lose heart when things went wrong. Without difficulty he found a good job as manager of an important lumber firm. He saved every cent that he made and paid off all his debts in full within four years. He was and is a great believer in the Golden Rule and the teachings of Christ. His employer took him into partnership, and their business was to ship lumber to England.

Robert Dollar is intensely practical and wants to see things for himself, even if he has to travel thousands of miles to see them. He keeps his eyes open all the time for new opportunities. Perhaps this explains why he moved, next, to Michigan, in the Middle West of the United States, and later to the Pacific coast.

**His First Ship.** He began lumbering redwood in northern California, but he did not like to pay the amount he was charged for transporting his output. He investigated and found that if he could get a ship of his own he could cut the cost by half. He bought the "Newsboy," a boat of about 300 tons. It paid for itself in less than a year. This set him thinking. If one little boat could earn so much, why not get more boats? He did, and that was the beginning of the now famous Robert Dollar Steamship Co., with one fleet of steam-

ers doing business on the west coast of America running all the way from Alaska to the Panama Canal, and another fleet plying between the Pacific coast and the Far East, with branches in Shanghai, Hong Kong, Tientsin, Hankow, Kobe, Petrograd, Manila, Vancouver, Seattle, New York and elsewhere. Robert Dollar built up this big enterprise through foresight, energy, patience, and fair dealing.

**Created a Market.** When Captain Dollar first shipped lumber to China, the demand was solely for the very largest pieces. This left a by-product of small boards that could not be shipped. He knew that the Chinese did not use these great sizes, but that nearly all of them had to be cut into small pieces by hand-saws. He persuaded his Chinese customers to take some of the smaller sizes. He took a trip to China, and created a market for his by-product. Return cargoes were not to be had at that time. As there was no profit in running empty steamers, trade had to be developed. He found lumber in the Philippines and Japan and pig iron in China for his steamers on their return trips to America. The Dollar steamships were thus kept loaded, both going and coming.

**Tribute to Chinese.** While the Dollar Steamship Co. trades with India, Japan, and the Philippines, its largest business is with China, where the Captain is held in high esteem. He is respected for his business integrity and honest dealing. In addressing a meeting of the United States Chamber of Commerce he once said: "In all our years of trading with the Chinese, involving millions of dollars, we have never lost a cent, never had one bad debt. I wish we could say the same of other countries, including our own." Often Captain Dollar, on going aboard one of his ships on the Pacific coast to inspect the outgoing cargo, has ordered thousands and thousands of boards to be taken back, because they were not in every particular exactly what the Chinese buyers had ordered.

**In Two Delegations.** Captain Dollar has done great service in extending American commerce in the Orient and in creating a fleet of high-class steamers, and in striving very hard to have America adopt sensible shipping legislation. He has also done more to prevent war and promote peace between America and the Orient than any living statesman. When war was threatened between the United States and Japan over the San Francisco school controversy, Captain Dollar succeeded in organizing a party of commercial men from different chambers of commerce to visit Japan. The Emperor of Japan received the delegation, and friendly relations were maintained. Two years later Captain Dollar was included in a commission to visit China. Their reception by the Manchurian Emperor, by government officials, by cities, and by commercial bodies was more elaborate and cordial than anything before extended to foreign visitors.

**Help for the Y.M.C.A.** In 1915 a Chinese delegation, headed by the late Chang Hsun-chang, returned the visit of the American delegation and created world-wide interest. This exchange of courtesies developed new business between the two countries and proved very valuable in bringing the two nations into closer understanding.

Captain Dollar is a hard worker, and each day he gets much done before most people are out of bed. He spends much of his time and money in helping church and charitable work, being especially interested in the Young Men's Christian movement throughout the world. On his last visit to China, he took part in the formal opening of the Wuchang Y.M.C.A. building, which was erected with money given by him.

**Four Precepts.** Captain Dollar's vast experience has taught him that the following qualities are helpful to the attainment of success:—

Fear God and be just and honest to your fellow man. Incessant hard work. Frugality and saving your money.

Drink no intoxicating liquors; in these days of keen competition, whisky and business won't mix—you can't do both.

## CARPENTER DIES.

Ng Sze (26) a carpenter living at No. 27, Aberdeen-street, who had been a patient at the Government Civil Hospital, where he had undergone an operation recently, died at the hospital at 8.45 o'clock last night from severe injuries received through either falling or jumping from the verandah of No. 27, situated on the first floor of "A" Block of the hospital building.

## WOUNDED ROBBER.

## SEQUEL TO SHAIKIWAN BATTLE.

## HEARTLESS ACT.

In connection with the battle at Shaikiwan between fishermen and robbers early yesterday morning, further particulars of the affair were gathered by a "China Mail" reporter this morning.

According to our informant, at the time the battle took place, the night was pitch dark, and it was raining "cats and dogs."

When the "battle" was at its height, nervous landmen brought out their police whistles and added their shrill notes to the din of exploding bullets, and the whole was aptly described as "hades let loose."

The police who turned out immediately, were greatly handicapped at first, as with the whistles blowing in one part of Shaikiwan and the firing going on in another, it took them some time to discover where the centre of the trouble was.

Eventually when this was ascertained, the police were faced with another problem, and that was how they were to go out into the harbour in the dark, and thus expose themselves to the fire of the highly strung fishermen who might easily mistake the police for robbers.

Police Ruse. Finally the police employed the ruse of rowing out to the junk anchorage with bright lights burning in the bows of their boats. This had the desired effect of preventing their being mistaken for robbers.

The robbers' boat, was, of course, without any light, and it was impossible for the police to locate them in that "thick black curtain of night." The only thing to do in the circumstances was to communicate with the Water Police whose armed launches were equipped with small searchlights.

Credit must be given to the Water Police for the prompt way in which they answered the call of the Shaikiwan police, but in spite of their systematic search, the drifting cinder boat was not discovered in the outer bounds of the harbour until well after seven o'clock.

Throughout the day yesterday, the Shaikiwan police, with the assistance of the Water Police, and detectives from the Criminal Investigation Department, under the charge of Detective Inspector Lane, carried out a thorough search both in the harbour and on land for the other robbers who have not been accounted for.

**Wounded Robber.** Their painstaking efforts bore fruit yesterday afternoon when a wounded robber was found ashore at Lyemun. This man who was lying unconscious a couple of hundred yards from the beach on the outskirts of Lyemun village, had a bullet wound through his right cheek, the shot lodging just below his right eye.

That he was one of the robbers was ascertained by the fact that in one of his pockets were found three gold mounted rattan bangles which were identified as belonging to the women folk on board the looted junk.

From the position in which this robber was found and certain marks on the sand at the beach, it is now surmised that after the robbers got out of the range of the fishermen's fire they rowed direct to Lyemun where they went ashore and then turned the cinder boat adrift with their dead companion on board in order to put the police off the scent.

Then the wounded man, weakened by loss of blood had collapsed, and his confederates in their anxiety to escape did not wish to be burdened with a helpless man, and so they left him for dead, and hurried away.

**Heartless Act.** This heartless act of theirs toward a comrade, however, has the effect of giving the searchers of their possible whereabouts.

It is surmised that the robbers have a lair inland beyond Lyemun village, and the investigators are continuing their search with renewed vigour on the lines of the clues they have been able to obtain during yesterday.

**CHAIN THEFT.** For the theft of a long coil of chain from the a.s. "Siberia Maru," a Chinese was, this morning at the Kowloon Magistracy, charged by Chief Officer Katala, before Mr. W. Schofield, and sentenced to 6 months' imprisonment, with the alternative of \$50 fine.

I really despair of the human race if the generation which has learned such a war lesson as ours has is incapable of imprinting that lesson decisively on the minds of the people of the world.—The Archbishop of York.

## BANDITS' COUP.

## OVER 40 MEN KILLED AT LUI-CHAU.

## GARRISON INDIFFERENT.

A few weeks ago on the Lui-chau Peninsula (in the south-west of Kwangtung, near the Hainan Straits), about two hundred bandits looted a village and killed over forty people, kidnapping as many more.

These outrages have increased of late in these parts, as the military forces are either too small in numbers or too indifferent to keep these pests of civilisation and commerce in check.

The city authorities and schools recently put on a "cleaning up day" for Lui-chau city. It was good as far as it went. Nothing was done thoroughly. The wells, drains and pigs were left as before.

Plague, small-pox, cholera and measles have made their yearly appearance but not yet as epidemic.—An occasional correspondent.

## A SHANGHAI "SHOT."

## "NELLE" OF THE VOLUNTEER CORPS.

The death is announced of Mr. L. Nellenman, Shanghai, on the 7th inst. Mr. Nellenman had suffered for months from cancer, and medical skill could not avert death.

Deceased was about 57 years of age, and went to Shanghai in 1900, having spent several years in India and Hong Kong. Upon arrival he joined Messrs. Hirschbrunner & Co., as watchmaker, which post he occupied until the time of his death. The late Mr. Nellenman, who was greatly attached to Shanghai, had a keen love for its environment, so keen that he never once availed himself of Home leave.

"Nelle," as he was affectionately called by his friends, was a member of "B" Co.—and S.R.A.; had a very lovable personality, was always where duty demanded, always on time at the correct place, and above all, always loyal to his superiors.

Of small stature, "Nelle" was first in demand for such arduous marches as the Barnes Cup competitions, and usually finished a better soldier than many of the taller men in his and other units. An admirable fellow, and of retiring disposition, the late Mr. Nellenman preferred, in spite of suggestions by his superiors in "B" Co., Captain Cubitt, Captain Melville, and Lieut. (now Captain) Beytagh, to remain "just a private."

To comrades in the Corps, deceased was looked up to as one of its keenest shots. As an expert of many years' standing, Mr. Nellenman was never failing in a word of advice to recruits, and not a few of the advanced shots now in the Corps, owe many an inspiration to him. He represented Shanghai in interport contests on more than one occasion, and was an ardent supporter of the Shanghai Rifle Association. A personal friend since 1904 vouches for the fact that he possessed probably the largest collection of shooting trophies in Shanghai.

It is understood that the late Mr. Nellenman was of Swiss birth, but that his family reside in Denmark.—"N. C. D. News."

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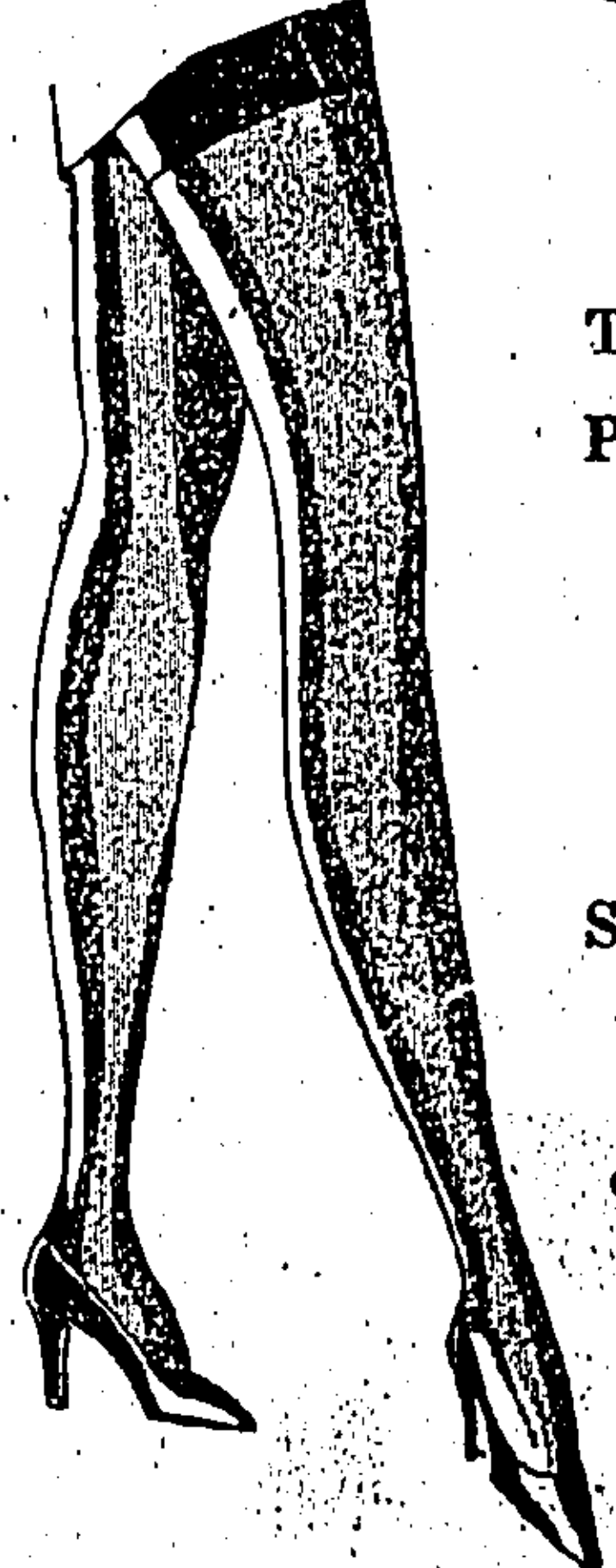
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### LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Alderman George Peak had a seizure and died during the reading of the Wallingford, Berkshire, Town Council minutes.

The Leeds Forge Company, Ltd., has received an order for 100 drop-sided steel bogie waggons for the South African railways.

One of the first shilling stamps issued in New Brunswick in 1851 was sold at Messrs. Harmer's, Old Bond-street, W., for £136.

The 400-years-old morality play "Everyman" was produced at the Old Vic, with Miss Jean Forbes-Robertson in the title role.

Lord D'Abernon, formerly Ambassador at Berlin, opened the exhibition of the Iveagh Pictures at the Manchester Art Gallery.

Mr. W. Harrington, a Tiptree (Essex) farmer, who died aged 81, has left 15 children, 72 grandchildren, and 32 great-grandchildren.

More than 150 members of the Air League of the British Empire and their friends have accepted invitations to the Air League dinner at the Savoy Hotel.

The unofficial strike, concerning wages, of fitters and riggers employed on the construction of the giant airship R 100 at Howden, Yorkshire, has been settled.

The condition of Sir Alfred Yeo, formerly Liberal M.P. for Poplar, who for some weeks has been suffering from a nervous breakdown, is reported to be dangerous.

Mr. T. Johnson, Socialist M.P. for Dundee, has been adopted as prospective Socialist candidate for West Stirlingshire, which he represented from 1922 to 1924.

The site of the Eyre Arms Tavern, Finchley-road, St. John's Wood, N.W., has been leased for rebuilding purposes, but the Eyre Trustees are retaining the remainder of the estate.

A suspected case of foot-and-mouth disease having been confirmed at Manchester pig market, arrangements have been made for the immediate slaughter of 500 pigs in the market.

Flying Squad officers arrested a man, following the smashing of the front window of the jewellers' shop of Messrs. D. Silver and Co., 59, Oxford-street, W., on a recent Saturday afternoon.

Next year's "Coming of Age Jamboree" of the Boy Scout movement, which, it is expected, will be attended by 30,000 Scouts from all over the world, will be held at Arrowe Park, Birkenhead.

At the inquest at Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, on a 3-years-old girl who died from poisoning after eating leaves of the common hemlock, a doctor said it was a deadly poison for which there was no antidote.

A man named Robinson, aged 30, of Chatham, fell 90ft. from the top of the wall of the Stadium near the grand stand during the international match at Wembley, and died later in hospital from his injuries.

Communists last month forced their way into a conference of the newly formed London Federation of Trades Councils at Denison House, Vauxhall Bridge-road, S.W., and, although the meeting lasted two hours, no business was done.

When a Chinese, who was arrested in a hut in Prince Edward-road, was yesterday charged before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy, with the unlawful possession of five taels of illicit raw opium, it was stated that he had purchased the opium for \$1.80 per tael and sold it at \$2 per tael. A fine of \$150 was imposed.

The prompt action of a policeman at Causeway Bay yesterday, prevented a young Chinese girl from committing suicide by drinking poison. The girl was observed by the constable in the neighbourhood of the Bay View Police Station with a bottle of lysol in her hand; the contents of which she was about to drink. The constable seized the girl's hand just in time and snatched the bottle from her. At the police station she said that last year she married a seaman, but had now discovered that he had a wife. She

King Gustav of Sweden left Nice recently for Rome.

Lord Justice Sankey has been sworn a member of the Privy Council.

All the schools in Bury, Lancashire have been closed owing to small-pox.

Greenwich rates for the next half-year will be 6s. 4d. in the £, a reduction of 6d.

The drawing by Peter de Wint of "Matlock Village" realised £525 at Messrs. Christie's.

A set of six ordinary and two elbow Chippendale mahogany chairs were sold at Messrs. Puttick and Simpson's for £1,785.

Kidderminster Watch Committee has recommended the appointment of Inspector E. W. Tinker, of Burnley, as chief constable of Kidderminster.

The change over from the ordinary telephone system to the automatic took place last month in the Rochester, Chatham, and Gillingham districts.

Among Messrs. Lammert Bros. coming auctions are the sale of a valuable collection of curios and blackwood and lacquer furniture on May 15 at 2.30 p.m., and the sale of miscellaneous goods (including silks and laces) on May 12 at 11 a.m.



Dr. Hiram W. Evans, grand klan of the Ku Klux Klan. The main offices of the organization have recently been moved from Atlanta, Ga., to Washington, D. C. The new quarters are directly opposite the quarters of the Knights of Columbus Evening School, and the National Catholic Welfare Council news service.

Managua, Yesterday.—The United States Marine Headquarters announces that police patrol duties in all provincial departments will be taken over by the Nicaraguan National Guard, commanded by a United States officer, as soon as the necessary units have been formed and trained.—Reuter's American Service.

In the face of strong opposition Sheffield City Council, with its Socialist majority, last month confirmed a recommendation that an American typewriter should be the standard for the corporation's future requirements, and that a five years' contract should be given to an American firm for corporation supplies. An amendment to refer the matter back to give British makers an opportunity of tendering was lost. "There is a stronger combination for keeping up fictitious prices in this industry than in any other," said Alderman Walker at Manchester City Council, explaining why the electricity committee recommended a Belgian firm's tender of £5,650 for a motor converter in preference to a British tender of £8,000.

There was a sequel, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, to the disappearance of two Chinese boys from No. 20, Temple-street, Yaumati, on December 20 last. Two men were charged before Mr. W. Schofield with kidnapping the lads. The first accused was formerly a fellow lodger in the same house, and when he disappeared about the same time as the boys, he was suspected. The accused was traced to Canton; but denied knowledge of the whereabouts of the boys. When seen in Hong Kong a month later and again questioned, No. 1 admitted that he had taken the lads to Canton where they were sold to people in Sze-yap. Investigations were resumed in Canton, which resulted in the arrest of the second accused. The case was adjourned.

Re-sealing of probate of the will of Mr. W. Wilson, who died at "Glenone," Kilmacolin, Scotland, on July 11, 1927, has been granted to Mr. D. J. Lewis, of Hong Kong, Attorney of Mrs. Jessie Burness or Wilson and Miss M. A. M. Wilson of "Glenone" and Mr. J. Nair Fede, Glasgow, three of the four executors and trustees. The fourth is Mr. W. J. Wilson, engineer, 28 Lambton-road, Liverpool. The late Mr. Wilson's local property is valued at £12,700, estate in Scotland amounts to £5,444-16-2 and in England £15,206-16-10.

Mr. Henry Ford who had been enjoying a holiday in England returned to the United States on May 6.

The front portion of Fordwich House, an ancient Kentish residence three miles from Canterbury, has been destroyed by fire.

Warsaw, Yesterday.—M. Pilsudski, the Polish Premier, has been ordered by his medical advisers to take a long rest.—Reuter.

Mr. R. B. Walker has resigned his post of general secretary of the National Union of Agricultural Workers because of ill-health.

The Prince of Wales recently attended a variety concert at the People's Palace, Mile End-road, E., in aid of the Excelsior Philanthropic Society.

Mr. G. H. Franklin, an engineer at Leicester Corporation electric power station, was killed, having apparently come into contact with a live connection.

Greek vases from the Holford collections sold at Messrs. Sotheby's included a red-figured Stamnos, Attic work of about 440 B.C., which realised £115.

A crowd of Hindus interrupted two Australian missionaries who were preaching on Bombay beach and tore down their tent. The preachers suffered no injury.

Sir Alexander Dick is shortly retiring from the post of secretary and manager to the National Institute for the Blind, and will be succeeded by Mr. W. McG. Eager.

A commission, appointed by the Governor of the Isle of Man recommends the abolition of bookmakers and proposes that betting by telephone or telegram should be made illegal.

The price of standard grade flour in the Home Counties has been raised by 1s. to 44s. for 280lb., less 6d. to 1s. if delivered within the London districts—the highest price since November 19.

Forty collieries, approximately half of which are in Lanarkshire, are to be temporarily closed in Scotland under the Scottish coal-owners' scheme for the limitation of uneconomic output.

Draft programmes and entry forms for the Fifth Extra Race Meeting (Saturday, May 26 and Monday, May 28) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hong Kong Club and Causeway Bay stables.

Mr. I. B. Pritchard, solicitor to the Metropolitan Railway Company, has been appointed Chief Legal Adviser of the L. and N.E.R., in succession to Sir Francis Dunnell, who retires at the end of the year.

Police in the Midlands were last month asked to watch for a motor-car which was alleged to have knocked down two children at Helling Hill, near Shipley, Yorkshire, killing one and injuring the other.

Before Major C. Willson, at the Central Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese youth was charged with being found in the premises of the Ho Mui Ling Hospital, Breezy-path, with felonious intent. Sentence of six weeks' hard labour was passed.

Described as a shop foki, a Chinese who was arrested on board the s.s. "D'Artagnan" for unlawful possession of 4.8 taels of prepared non-Government opium, failed to appear in Court when the case was called, before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday. The Magistrate ordered the bail of \$400 to be forfeited.

A fine of \$135 was imposed by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, on a Chinese cook employed on board the s.s. "Empress of Russia," who was arrested with 1.7 taels of prepared non-Government opium in his possession. The accused's ship sailed on Wednesday whilst he was in custody awaiting trial.

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Copious extras from the report of the University, showing the part it takes in public life.

A review of the activities of the Roman Catholic Church in China by Mr. W. G. Fitz-Gibbon, M.A.

Presentations of colours to the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps.

Dedication of "pai lau" in memory of Chinese who lost their lives in the Great War.

Laying of foundation stone at Tung Wah Eastern Hospital, with address by H.E. the Governor.

Judgment by the Full Court in the Chater Estate appeal cases.

Presentation of the Silver Wolf to the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave.

Pride of place must be given, however, to the Tsinan incident which has brought so much bloodshed to the Chinese and Japanese and has evoked the widest interest all over the world. The "Overland's" account is not merely a tabulated list of cables and messages. Explanations and comment where necessary, so that non-Chinese can comprehend what is taking place, will be found with our report.

#### WHEN YOU GO ON LEAVE.

Hong Kong's spring exodus has begun. Are you going Home on leave this year? If you are, you will be surprised by the number of persons who will ask you about China and Hong Kong. You will be astonished at the number and type of silly questions put to you in all good faith. And you will have to admit reluctantly (if only to yourself) that you are not quite certain. Will you be believed, though? Keep in touch with Hong Kong and China by having the "Overland China Mail" sent to you for a stipulated period.

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### SONG SUCCESSES.

Mr. William Boosey, managing director of Messrs. Chappell and Co., Ltd., music publishers, gave evidence at the inquiry into the rate of royalty to be paid to the owners of copyright in musical works in respect of the making of records.

In reply to Mr. R. Moritz, K.C., appearing for the various gramophone manufacturing companies, and mechanised musical industries, he said that probably only one song in 40 turned out to be a success. Publishers, therefore, took a big risk and deserved as much profit as they could get.

He thought the sixpenny record trade was carried on at the publishers' expense. If it could not be carried on without fair remuneration to composers and publishers it should be stopped.

Mr. Moritz asked about a Missouri waltz of American origin of which Chappell's acquired the rights. It failed as printed music, but was produced by a gramophone company and made a popular hit. Chappell's re-acquired the rights and claimed the royalty rights from the gramophone company.

Mr. Boosey replied that he had no recollection of the facts, but would inquire into the matter through his American manager.

Mr. Lawrence Wright, song composer and music publisher, said that the life of a song used to be about twelve months, whereas now it averages only four to six months—"due apparently to the fact that people get tired of hearing it on the gramophone."

### HOME OPERA.

#### PROSPERITY FOR ITS FUTURE.

[By Dymley Hussey.]

The past of it is odd enough. Our first opera-house was opened during the Commonwealth for the surreptitious presentation of stage-plays under the guise of operas; for, by some curious process of muddled reasoning, which still persists in our refusal to permit Delia or Salome on the stage unless they are accompanied with music, the Puritans regarded operas as less noxious to the morals than plays. Perhaps they took the view that singing made the words and actions unintelligible (as it often does), or anticipated the lady who said of 'Der Rosenkavalier': 'Of course, the story's quite dreadfully shocking, but one can ignore that and just enjoy the music.'

It is characteristic, too, that one of our few composers of outstanding genius wrote his only opera for an amateur performance at a girls' school in Chelsea. It is one of the tragedies of English musical history that Henry Purcell died at the age of thirty-six, in the year 1695. Within fifteen years the Italian opera was firmly established in London, and Handel was entering upon his career of short-lived triumph at the Queen's Theatre, Haymarket. Had Purcell survived until that time, it can hardly be doubted that he would have seized eagerly upon the opportunity for the full exploitation of his dramatic genius—an opportunity which was never available during his life.

The next stage in the story is a revolution from the Italian opera, which again is typical of our attitude towards the form. Englishmen have always been inclined to endorse Dr. Johnson's definition of it as 'an exotic and irrational entertainment.' Italian opera was, it is true, quite literally exotic in England, and it cannot be claimed that the actions of its personages were often based upon reason. But one suspects that what Dr. Johnson

found irrational, as so many others have found it since, was the fact that the characters in opera sang their words instead of speaking them. It is odd that the people who produced a Shakespeare and a Congreve, and have always taken a delight in the poetry of the one and in the highly artificial prose of the other—neither of which bears a close relation to the ordinary speech of everyday life—should be unable to accept the convention of a sung drama: for it is only a step from saying, instead of 'I wish I were dead' 'O! that this too, too solid flesh would melt,' and so on, to singing its equivalent in lyric verse. Yet the refusal to take this step—which to the majority of Italians, Germans and Frenchmen seems to present no difficulty on the score of unreasonableness—has proved a continual stumbling-block in the way of opera in England.

The revolution against the Italians at the end of the first quarter of the 18th century produced that gay and irresponsible form of entertainment, the ballad-opera, of which 'The Beggar's Opera' is the familiar prototype. In this burlesque, set to popular tunes, not only were the conventions of Italian opera derided and the social status of its characters deliberately reversed, but the recitatives were supplanted by the more 'rational' spoken dialogue; for while we have been willing to accept the lyric portions of an opera for the sake of the beauty of the music and of the singing, the connecting passages of recitative have always stuck in our throats.

The cause is two-fold. Either the recitatives are sung in a foreign language and are, therefore, unintelligible to most of the audience, who are inevitably bored by long passages devoid of musical interest, the dramatic purport of which escapes them; or they are sung in translations, often illiterate and bald, which only turn the drama into an absurdity, and in any case can rarely fit the music intended for a very different kind of language. Purcell wrote recitative which is the natural musical expression of the inflections of English speech, and which, therefore, sounds perfectly rational; and during the past fifty years Parry, Stanford, Sullivan, and their successors have re-established English as a musical language. But in the interval there was a desert waste. Our composers, such as they were, and in so far as they wrote for the theatre at all, paid little attention to the genius of their native tongue. Instead, they used this or that foreign idiom which happened to be popular at the moment. Isolated and sporadic attempts at English opera crop up out of this desert, but there was no chance for the roots of an English school to flourish in such a soil.

During the latter part of the 19th century, and to some extent until just before the war, opera was regarded in England as, to quote one authority, 'an expensive but not unprofitable way of demonstrating financial prosperity.' The attention of fashionable audiences was engaged by the individual singers rather than by the opera itself, and even now, fifty years after Wagner's death, that interest is by no means dead at Covent Garden. In the meantime companies for the production of opera in English have come into being. Their performances have varied a good deal in merit, but the general standard has consistently improved, until at the present time, despite the financial handicap under which they work, it is possible to hear the operas of Wagner, Verdi, and Mozart as well done, on the whole, as in any average continental opera-house.

But a financial crisis has arisen. Opera cannot be made to 'pay.' Quite apart from the heavy expenses of the singers and orchestra, the repertory system makes it far more costly than the spoken drama. Our opera companies are

continually faced with the choice of cutting down expenses, which means poor performances, or of losing still more money. This state of affairs cannot continue, since 'bad performances' lose patrons.

At this juncture, Sir Thomas Beecham, grown wise through his own experiences of opera-production, has come forward with an offer to the British public. 'If you care sufficiently for opera,' he says, 'you can have it really well done, provided that a hundred and fifty thousand of you will subscribe ten shillings a year towards the cost.' The demand of so small a sum from so small a percentage of the population of England should have met with a ready response. Englishmen seem, however, to be incorrigibly slow to put their hands in their pockets when a small amount is asked of them for a plan which will not materialise at once. Yet, of all the schemes for the establishment of opera in England, this most deserves support, because it is entirely practical, and because it spreads the expense of a subsidy over a large number of people who may be presumed to take an interest in music. It lays a burden upon nobody.

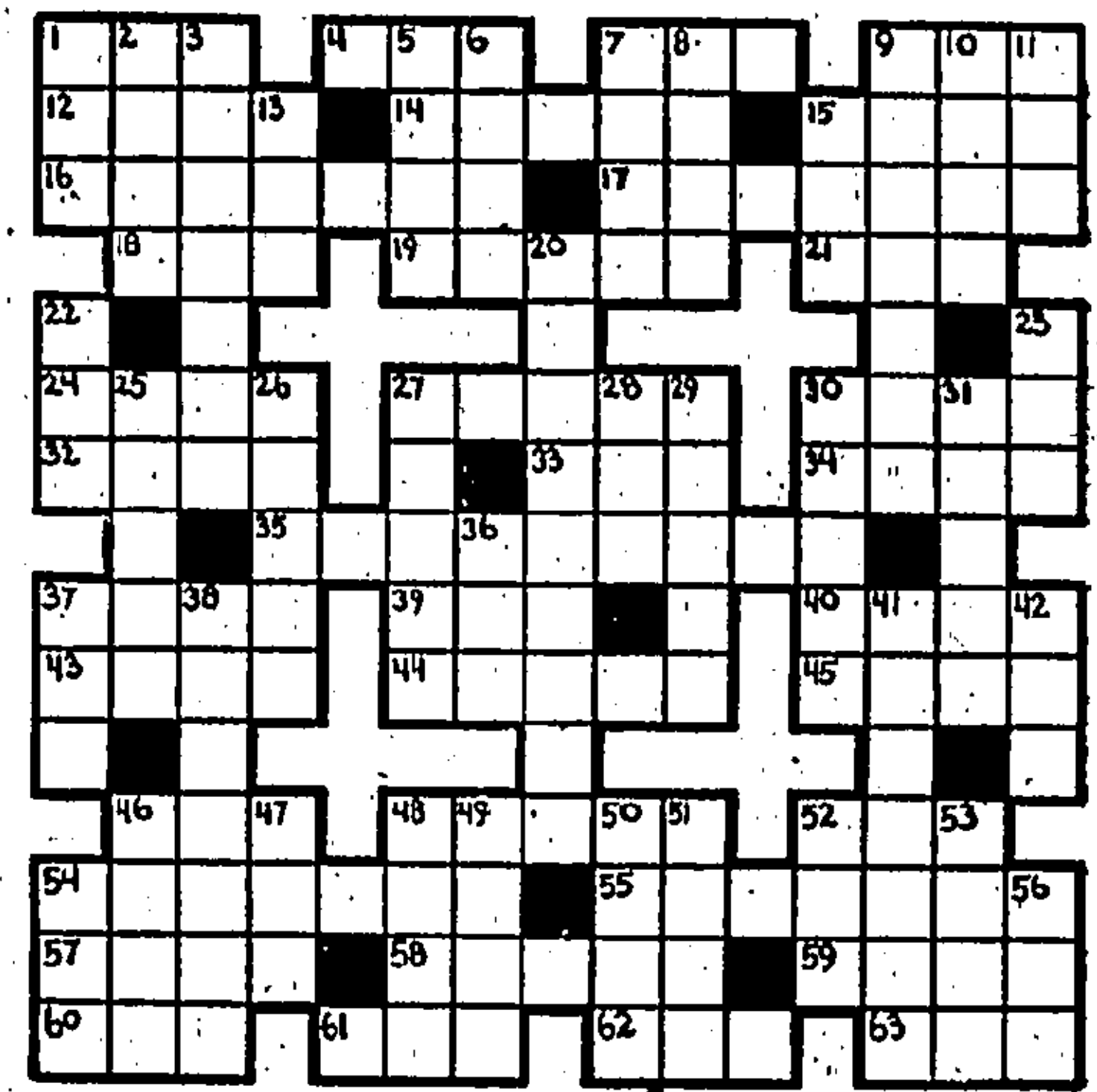
Let us suppose that Sir Thomas Beecham will get what he is asking for, and examine the possible effect upon English opera. The establishment of a permanent opera-company giving performances in the native tongue is the first step towards fostering a real School of English Opera. The brief 'grand' seasons are well enough for their particular purpose, and one hopes that they will not be discontinued, since they will provide a standard of comparison, at least for the performance of foreign works. But they do little or nothing to assist the native composer. He has to rely upon the occasional incentive of some chance opportunity, such as a performance at a girls' school, to encourage him to venture upon the composition of an opera. He may now and again produce a work of genius by an accident of this kind, as Purcell did, but it will be, in the biological sense, a 'sport.' How much even a little encouragement can achieve may be seen in the increased, though still dimly small, operatic output of English composers, since the B.N.O.C. came into being. But these operas have all shown that, whatever the musical talent of their composers may be, they are sadly lacking in theatrical craftsmanship.

More than any other form of music, opera requires practical experience, which can only be gained in the theatre. Without such experience it is unthinkable that Wagner, Verdi, Mozart, Gluck, or Handel could have achieved their fame as operatic composers, and it is the lack of it that accounts for the amateurishness on the dramatic side of most of the English operas written during the last fifty years. And unless an opera is a satisfactory blend of the two elements of drama and music, it will fail in the theatre, since opera is something essentially different both from a play and from a piece of music, and something more than a combination of the two. It is as impossible to succeed in this complex form without an intimate knowledge of the theatre, as it would be to write a symphony without a musical education, and until composers realise this fact there is no hope for English opera. But if a permanent opera is established in our midst, composers will have the opportunity to acquire the experience, which has hitherto been denied them, and our undoubted genius for drama may well find a new and profitable outlet in the direction of opera.

It will not be 'grand' opera, at any rate for some time. We must evolve our national style along lines that are characteristically English. We possess in the ballad-opera the germ of such a style, which has already been developed into their own entertaining

## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



### HORIZONTAL

- 1—Noah's boat
- 4—Likely
- 7—A poem
- 9—Mechanical contrivance
- 12—Venture
- 14—Fragrance
- 15—A stubborn animal
- 16—Barren
- 17—Covering a full collection of objects
- 18—Small (Scott.)
- 19—Old name of Lake Geneva, Switzerland
- 21—Obscure
- 24—To get rid of (colloq.)
- 27—A famous Scottish-American naval commander
- 30—A sunken hedge or fence
- 32—Long neck-hair of some animals
- 33—A tilling implement
- 34—East longitude (abbr.)
- 35—A royal house of England (Plantagenet)
- 37—Tabular mass of floating polar ice
- 39—A finger-stall
- 40—A Hebrew measure
- 43—To clothe
- 44—Combining form. A bone

### HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

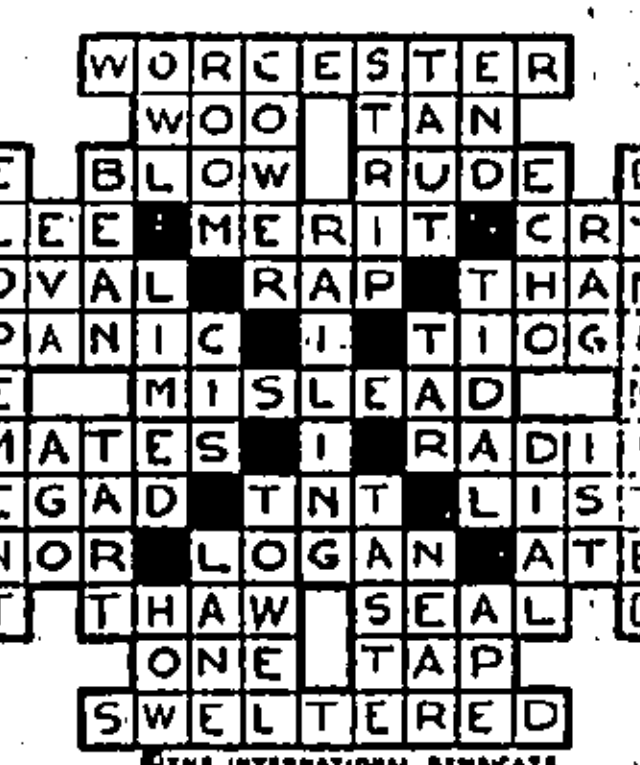
- 45—What inland sea in Palestine is very rich in valuable chemicals?
- 46—Of age (Latin-abbrev.)
- 48—Pertaining to punishment
- 52—Ending of superlative adjectives
- 54—Artless girl
- 55—Sulfuric acid
- 57—Shortly
- 58—To dress with the back, as birds their feathers
- 59—A windstorm
- 60—Girl's name
- 61—A fairy
- 62—A color
- 63—A particular shade of a color

### VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 15—Middle
- 20—A borough of New York City
- 22—A doctrine
- 23—An island in the Irish Sea, N. W. of England
- 25—An interjection
- 26—A volcano on the island of Martinique
- 27—A snowbird
- 28—Greek goddess of the dawn
- 29—A bout at fighting
- 30—What king of Judea died A. D. 4?
- 31—A Hebrew minor prophet
- 36—A kind of lettuce
- 37—Small fish
- 38—Who was president of Mexico in 1907?
- 41—The Anointed One (abbr.)
- 42—Roads (abbr.)
- 46—Presently
- 47—A number
- 48—Third life-stage of a butterfly
- 49—Inspiring fear
- 50—To affirm
- 51—A string
- 52—A unit of work and energy
- 53—A balsam produced by a South American tree
- 54—Isiah (abbr.)
- 56—Sheltered side

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



### HONG KONG HEIGHTS

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Bowen Road (filterbeds)	297
Mainland.	Feet.
Tai-mo-shan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1971

formulae by Gilbert and Sullivan. Their comic operas are not to be set beside the greatest. Yet one of these greatest, Mozart's 'The Magic Flute,' was created out of a form no less crude than the ballad-opera, i.e., the German Singspiel, a popular comedy interspersed with songs. There seems no reason why the spasmodic efforts of our composers should not, given the opportunity, be converted into a continuous English tradition comparable with that which has flourished in Germany since Mozart's day. The German form of opera may seem to be ex-

hausted at the moment, but we possess a rich vein, the potentialities of which have barely been surveyed, much less worked out. So it is that I suggest that our composers are most likely to succeed in the higher forms of comic opera, probably—but not necessarily—with spoken dialogue, in view of our impatience of recitative. A beginning has been made with 'Shamus O'Brien,' 'The Immortal Hour,' and 'Hugh the Drover,' which have won popularity by their employment of native ideas in their plots and native melody in their music.

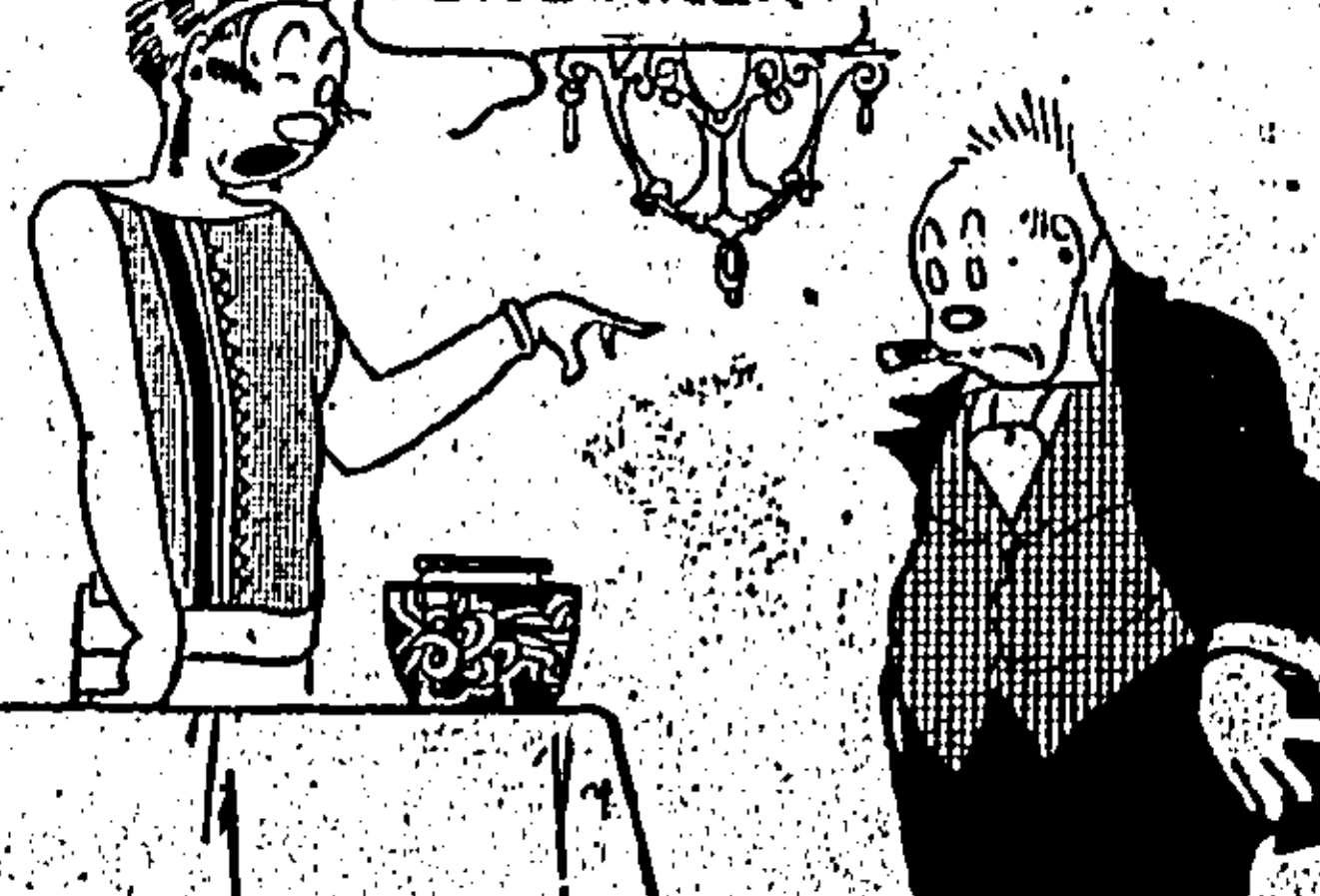
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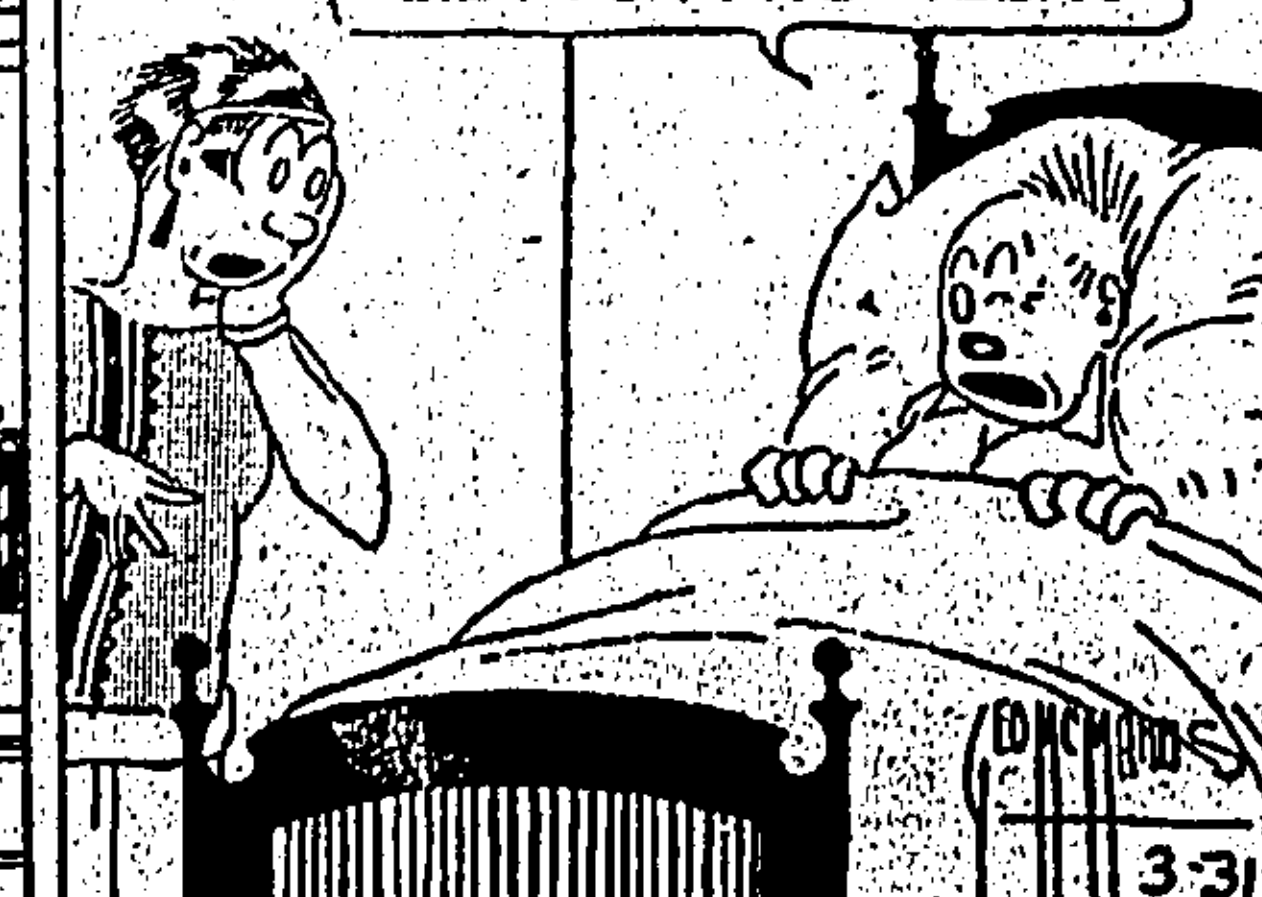
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## THE VOLUNTEERS.

### GOVERNOR'S LETTER OF CONGRATULATION.

### TO-NIGHT'S "SMOKER."

The following orders have been issued by Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Commandant:—  
King's Birthday Parade.

Monday, June 4, 1928.—The Corps will take part in this parade at Happy Valley at 9 a.m. as for last year. The Corps will fall in on the Football Ground at 8.15 a.m. Full details will be issued later.

Officers for Colours: Lieut. M. C. Noll and 2/Lieut. H. R. Forsyth.

Practice parade on Thursday, May 31, at 5.30 p.m.  
H.E. the Governor has written a personal letter to the Commandant congratulating him on the bearing of the Corps during the parade on Sunday last. A copy of this letter will be circulated to all ranks who were present on the parade.

### Equipment.

All W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s and men in possession of leather belts will return them to store and draw web belts.

O.C. Battery and Companies will please arrange direct with Corps Sergeant Major the most suitable date to carry out the exchange.

### Musketry.

Sunday, May 13, 1928.

The Engineer Company (Field and Lights Sections) and all ranks of the Corps Signals who have not yet fired Part I. Table "T" will fire at Stonecutters on Sunday, May 13. Range Officer: Lieut. J. Norrie-Owen.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or mufti optional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belt must be worn.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters to-day, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m.; and on Saturday, May 12, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

### The Battery.

Lecture on Theory. This will be given at Volunteer Headquarters on Thursday at 6 p.m. This is a voluntary parade.

M.I. and A.C. Companies.  
Musketry. Sunday, May 20, 1928. All ranks of the M.I. and A.C. Companies who have not yet fired Part I. Table "T" this season are requested to attend at Stonecutters on Sunday, May 20, 1928.

Range Officer: Lieut. H. C. Macnamara.

### Motor Cycle Section.

A Tactical Ride in the New Territories will be held on Sunday, May 13, 1928.

Parade at Kowloon Railway Station at 9.30 a.m.

Dress: Uniform with belt. Shorts will be worn.

### Infantry Company.

Recruits Parades will be held every Tuesday, commencing May 15, at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. under Sergeant V. C. Branson, M.C. Dress: Mufti, belt and sidearms.

Trained Men. There will be no further Company parades for trained men this month, but all who have still to fire Part I Musketty Course must make a point of doing so on Sunday, May 27, with Casuals. This is the last opportunity.

### Portuguese Company.

All ranks of Nos. 1 and 2 Lewis Gun Sections will parade at Corps Headquarters on Tuesday, May 15, at 5.30 p.m. for Lewis Gun Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

Recruits will parade at Corps Headquarters on Friday, May 18, at 5.30 p.m. for Miniature Range practice.

### Corps Band.

All ranks will parade as strong as possible at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15.

### Strength.

The following recruits are taken on the strength and posted as under:—

No. 1313 Pte. H. D. Gregory.

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No. 2 Platoon, as from May 3, 1928.

No. 1314 Pte. A. Chapman, No. 5 Platoon, as from May 6, 1928.

No. 1315 Pte. L. Well, M.I. Co., as from May 8, 1928.

No. 1316 Pte. H. Burson, No. 2 Platoon, as from May 8, 1928.

Leave.

No. 574 C.S.M. J. A. G. Leask, Reserve Company, is granted leave of absence from the Corps, from May 1 to June 30, 1928.

No. 976 Pte. J. H. Sutcliffe, A.C. Company, leave to be extended from May 21, 1928, to May 20, 1929.

### Struck Off.

Having left the Colony, as from April 28, 1928:—No. 780 Sergt. L. E. Curwood, A.C. Company.

Permitted to resign on Medical grounds, as from May 2, 1928:—

No. 1125 Signaller E. R. Gosamke, Signals.

No. 1155 Signaller A. K. Rahumed, Signals.

### NOTICES.

#### Smoking Concert.

Friday, May 11, 1928.

The Annual Corps Smoking Concert and distribution of Corps Trophies and Musketty prizes will take place at Volunteer Headquarters at 9.30 p.m. on Friday, May 11.

Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., has kindly consented to present the above.

It is hoped that there will be a good attendance.

Tickets \$2 to be obtained from Corps Sergeant Major H. Westlake, D.C.M., Sergeants' Mess, and the Canteen.

Dress: All Officers Mess Dress. Other ranks uniform optional, mess dress or khaki (jacket slacks and belt).

All prize winners must attend in uniform.

#### No. 2 Platoon R.C.

Peak Range has been allotted to No. 2 Platoon Rifle Club on Sunday, May 20. Firing commences at 9.30 a.m.

It is hoped that all members of the Rifle Club will endeavour to be present.

Six of the crew of a Danish fishing vessel were burned to death off Iceland in an explosion caused by sea water coming in contact with the contents of a broken carbide container.

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	5 p.m.
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	Kwelyang
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## "WORLD'S" WOMEN.

Paris Newspaper's  
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LIVING AND DEAD.

Mme. Curie, Sarah Bernhardt,  
Edith Cavell Take Lead.

Paris.—In a contest conducted by a Paris newspaper to find out the sixty most illustrious women, Mme. Curie, co-discoverer with her husband of radium, wins first place with 24,907 votes out of the first 25,000 composite ballots counted. Sarah Bernhardt is second with 21,578. Third is Edith Cavell, the English nurse who was executed by the Germans in Belgium, with 19,616.

Five American names are in the first thirty-four. Ruth Elder, who won favour here by her visit after her attempt to fly the Atlantic, gets tenth place with 9,611 votes. Mary Pickford is eighteenth with 4,893; Mrs. Harriet Beecher-Stowe, author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," gets twenty-third place with 2,920; Isadora Duncan, dancer, who died tragically on the Riviera recently, is placed twenty-fourth with 2,872; and Lois Fuller, whom the French called the "Goddess of Light," is in the thirty-fourth place with 1,393.

There are some strange contradictions in the votes. Evangeline Booth, of the Salvation Army, wins fourth place with 116,366 votes and is just followed in fifth and sixth places by George Sand, the novelist, apostle of free love, who got 16,086, and Louise Michel, the anarchist "victrol singer" of the French Commune, who got 15,198. Suzanne Lenglen, the tennis star, is ninth with 6,683. While Mme. Brezhkowskaya, "the grandmother of the Russian revolution," obtained 5,044 votes, her countrywoman Marie Bashkirtseff, whose precocious genius made her one of the most famous figures in Paris and Europe half a century ago, is remembered by only 112 readers.

Actresses celebrated in their day cut a comparatively poor figure. After Bernhardt and Mary Pickford, come Mme. Rejane, who was long regarded as Bernhardt's nearest rival, with 3,412 for twenty-first place; Rachel, the famous predecessor of Bernhardt who got 2,049 and was classed thirtieth; La Duse, thirty-second with 1,838; and the golden voice Patti thirty-seventh with only 939 votes.

Florence Nightingale is placed fourteenth with 5,196 votes, followed in twenty-eighth place by Emmeline Pankhurst, the suffrage leader, who obtained 2,218; George Eliot, the English novelist, in thirty-ninth place with 878, and Charlotte Bronte forty-seventh with 483.—United Press.

## DOUBLE DISASTER.

AVALANCHE RUSHES ON  
RAILWAY LINE.

TRAIN DASHES INTO DEBRIS.

Rome, Yesterday. There has been a terrible double disaster in a railway cutting near Grotto. Thousands of tons of earth rushed in an avalanche upon the line, sweeping down two houses.

A moment later a passenger train dashed into the debris, and coaches were flung over and shattered.

Six corpses have been extricated from the remains of the houses, and three from the coaches. At least eighteen, have been injured. Traffic is at a standstill.—Reuter.

## RUBBER EXPORT.

MALAYA PLANTERS AND  
FURTHER RELEASES.

THE QUOTA.

Singapore, Yesterday. Despite the recent official decision not to alter the rubber export quota, the Planters' Association of Malaya is seeking the views of the District Association regarding the advisability of requesting permission to release an additional ten per cent, and ask for further release before November.

The Perak Associations are strongly in favour of the appeal.—Reuter.

## INDIAN LABOUR.

Ugly Development  
Occurs.

RAILWAY STRIKERS.

Hold-Up Tram And Motor-Cars;  
Several Casualties.

Calcutta, Yesterday. There has been an ugly development in the labour situation, the strikers at the Lillooah workshops having held up tramcars and motor cars on the Howrah, compelling passengers to descend.

The police, in attempting to disperse the crowds, encountered a fusillade of brickbats and several officers of the police, the Eastern

## FINE WEATHER.

Light variable winds, fine, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

The anticyclone has passed into the Pacific. A depression is still shown over N.E. China. The typhoon is about 150 miles E.S.E. of Naha, travelling N.E. A trough of low pressure extends from the typhoon to the China Sea.

Frontier Rifles and the East Indian Railway Auxiliary Force were slightly injured. Nineteen strikers were sent to the hospital and there were a dozen arrests.—Reuter.

## THE "STRONG HAND."

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"PURGING THE OIL WORLD."

New York, Yesterday. A first class sensation has occurred in financial circles in conse-



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quence of John Rockefeller calling on Colonel Robert Stewart, Chairman of the Board of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, to resign. Col. Stewart recently gave evidence before the Senate Committee which was conducting the Teapot Dome Inquiry. He is one of the leading figures in the oil industry. It is declared that Mr. Rockefeller's action is due to a desire to purge the oil world of harmful and undesirable elements.—Reuter's American Service.

## LUNATIC PRINCE.

DRAMATIC ESCAPE IN 1925  
RECALLED.

ATTENDANT'S ARREST.

London, Yesterday. The dramatic escape of the Egyptian Prince Sefeddin from the asylum at Titchhurst, Sussex, in 1925, accompanied by two asylum attendants, is recalled by the arrest of John Bastone, one of the prince's attendants at Titchhurst.

Bastone arrived yesterday at Dover from Calais. The charge is that of aiding and abetting the other attendant, named Pilbeam, to assist Prince Sefeddin in his escape.

The warrant for the arrest of Bastone and Pilbeam has been out since the escape.—Reuter.

## TODAY'S DOLLAR.

The clearing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/0 9/16.

## TUAN HELP BRITISH.

Chungking Men Keep  
Out Boycotters.

B. &amp; S. SHIP DISCHARGED.

Community Establishes Guard For  
Protection.

Chungking, Yesterday. Great assistance is being rendered to British shipping by local "tuans" (i.e. organisations of the people) who have established a large guard on the foreshore and are keeping the boycott agitators off the steamboats' pontoon.

Messrs. Butterfield & Swire's s.s. "Kintang" has arrived here, without incident, from further down Yangtze. Her cargo is being unloaded by coolies in spite of efforts by the Boycott Society to dissuade them.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: Chungking is 1,427 miles up the Yangtze. Local vested interests instituted a boycott of Japanese shipping. General Yang Sen, who is in authority a little further down, facilitated passage by promising an understanding. A Jardine steamer, the "Kingwo," had its cargo worked by the crew; threats by boycotters came to naught.]

## PARTY PAMPHLETS.

WHAT AUSTRIAN MONARCH-  
ISTS WOULD LIKE.

LEADER'S ARREST.

Vienna, Yesterday. A retired colonel, Gustav Wolf, leader of the Austrian Monarchist Party, has been arrested following the publication of certain party pamphlets.

These pamphlets stated that the Party had requested the Hungarian Legation to urge the breaking off of diplomatic relations with Austria, should Hungary fail to secure the extradition of the Communist Bela Kun. Further, if these representations were ineffectual, Hungarian troops should be sent into Austria.—Reuter.

## HANKOW LEADERS.

GENERALS ARRIVE FOR A  
CONFERENCE.

Hankow, Yesterday. The local Nationalist leaders, Generals Pei Chung-hsi and Cheng Chien, have arrived here and are in conference with General Li Tsung-jen, whose appointment as commander-in-chief of the 4th Nationalist Army Group was approved by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: Generals Pei Chung-hsi and Li Tsung-jen are close colleagues of Marshal Li Chai-sum in Canton].

## "SECRET FLIGHT."

PREPARATIONS END IN  
TRAGEDY.

TWO FLIERS KILLED.

New York, May 9. With reference to the message from Peterboro, New Jersey, stating that Lieut. Royal Thomas crashed and was killed. It transpires that Lieut. Thomas and Westervelt (who accompanied Thomas) were engaged in a test in preparation for an early secret flight to Rome. Lieut. Thomas was similarly engaged last week with regard to the endurance flight.—Reuter's American Service.

## RECORD HAUL.

AN ARSENAL OF ARMS  
AND AMMUNITION.

The big seizure of contraband arms and ammunition, reported yesterday, is without doubt a record haul made by the local police in recent times.

The contents of the eight large baskets which a Chinese detective found in the hold of a sampan in Aberdeen harbour early yesterday morning, comprised 391 automatic pistols, 379 spare automatic magazines, and 49,000 rounds of automatic ammunition.

In addition to the woman who had charge of the sampan at the time the detective boarded it, the police have detained two other boatwomen with reference to the running of the contraband.

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